

HISTORICAL SKETCH,

THE CATAWBA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION

1827, TO 1867,

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To the Ministers and Delegates Composing the Catawba River Baptist Association :

At the last annual meeting of this body, I was appointed to collect together a historical sketch, of this Association, from its origin until the present session—notwithstanding the difficulty attending the collection of such data, as would be likely to make it useful and interesting. Still we have been able to collect a file of minutes, from the Constitution of the body, until the present time; and shall proceed at once, to give such incidents and facts, as we think will prove beneficial and instructive. We learn by information obtained from the minutes of the first regular meeting of the Association, after its organization, that it was constituted on the 16th of Nov., 1827, the friends of the enterprise having held a preparatory convention on the 15th of April preceeding its organization, and drafted an abstract of principles, by which they were to be governed.

The first session of this body was held with a Church in Caldwell Co., called the Head of Yadkin. Letters were read from thirteen Churches—all of which formerly belonged to the Broad River Association. The Broad River Association may, therefore, be said to be the mother of the Catawba Association.

An introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Alfred Webb. Elder Reuben Coffye, was chosen Moderator and Alfred Webb, Clerk. Agreed that this body should be designated by the name of the Catawba River Baptist Association.

The Association appointed union meetings early after its organization—one being appointed at Union Church, Burke county, for the year 1828. A resolution was passed at the first session of this body recommending the churches to meet on Christmas day for religious worship and where they were destitute of a Minister to hold prayer meetings. Also a resolution setting apart the 4th of July for divine service.

A resolution was passed by the body advising the Churches to withhold their suffrages from all candidates for office who are guilty of the degrading practice of treating on spirituous liquors, to obtain votes.

Whatever, may have been the propriety of the following resolution—it was nevertheless adopted by the body composed of some of the purest Christian patriots that ever lived.

Resolved, That we advise the Churches to set apart the first Thursday in August next, as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, for the interposition of the Holy Spirit in stilling the party rage that appears to abound respecting the Presidential question.

The stand was occupied on the Sabbath by Elders Smith Furguson, A Webb, and W. Richards. Correspondence was opened with the French Broad and with the Mountain Distirict Associations.

The second session of this body was held with the Bill's Creek Church, Rutherford Co., on October 3rd. The introductory sermon was delivered by Humphrey Posey; Elders A. Webb, Moderator, and J. C. Grayson, Clerk. Elder Humphrey Posey and William Kimsey were present as corresponding messengers from the Broad River Association. James Vannoy and Wm. Kendal were corresponding delegates from the Mountain District Association. Correspondence was opened at this session with Broad River Association—the mother of this body. The Association considered the following query from Ebenezer Church: "Is it consistent with the Gospel, to license a man to go into the world to preach and not to administer the ordinances." Answered in the negative.

Elders William Kimsey, Drury Dobbins and H. Posey preached on the Sabbath.

There was no circular letter this year—Elder R. Coffey having failed to attend.

In 1829, this body met with the Silver Creek Church, Burke county. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Alfred Webb.

Letters were read from fourteen churches, and delegates names enrolled.

The following Churches were admitted to the body at this meeting, viz: North Catawba and Smyrna dismissed from the Broad River and Antioch from the Brier Creek. Correspondence was opened with the Brier Creek Association, and John Redman was present as a messenger. Humphrey Posey and Christopher Powell were present as corresponding delegates from the French Broad Association. Also Drury Senter, from the Mountain District Association.

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Owing to some difficulty between the Brier Creek and Yadkin Associations, this body resolved to drop correspondence with said Association till their difficulties should be settled. The Association took up and considered a query found in the minutes of the French Broad Association.

Is it good order for members to choose the Church in which their membership should be without regard to their local circumstances? Answer: We think in a general way, it would be best for members of Churches to belong to the nearest Church to them.

Query from Mt Rhuamah: "Shall we commune with the Dunkard Baptist?" The query was answered in the negative. Query second: are we to continue the practice of laying on of hands on those we Baptize? Answer: we think there is no Scripture that enjoins it as a duty.

Query from New Bethany: Do the Scriptures prohibit a Minister of the Gospel from administering medicine to his fellow man, if called upon so to do? Answer: No. Query from Head First Broad: Would it not be more proper to say Son in the place of the Word in our abstract of principles, Art. 1st? Answer: We think the Word and Son are synonymous terms. Brethren R. Coffey, John Bradly, Alfred Webb, T. Carleton and Benjamin Beach, were appointed a committee to visit New Bethany Church and assist them in settling a difficulty in the Church. Appointed Elders Webb, Padget and Coffey, to attend Smyrna and assist them in the ordination of a Minister. The name of the minister is not mentioned in these proceedings. The Association agreed to accept of an offer of tracts from the American Tract Society, and appointed J. C. Grayson to correspond with that Society, on the subject. The stand was occupied on the Sabbath by Elders Senter, Posey and Richards. 1830:—The Association convened this year at Mt. Rhuama. Lincoln Co., N. C. Introductory sermon was preached by Elder William Bradshaw. Letters from fourteen Churches were read and the proceedings minuted, Elders A. Webb was elected moderator and J. C. Grayson, clerk. Drury Dobbins and Philip Ramsour, were present as corresponding messengers, from the Broad River Association. Stephen Morgan and S. P. Barnett, were also present as messengers from the French Broad Association. The stand was occupied on the Sabbath by Elders R. Coffey, S. Morgan and A. Webb.

The following queries were considered by the body, and answers given. Is a Church in order that allows a minister to preach to her that a person can be a devil incarnate, and a saint at the same time, and not call him to account for such doctrine? Answer: We do not consider such Churches in order.

2nd. Can a Preacher be considered a sound gospel minister, who advances the doctrine that there are but two persons in the god-head? Answer: no. In 1831 this body met at Smyrna Meeting House, Burke Co., N. C., on Saturday, October the 8th. The Introductory Discourse was delivered by Elder Hugh Quin. Elder A. Webb, was chosen moderator, and J. C. Grayson, clerk.

Elders S. Morgan and M. Ownsby were present as corresponding messengers from the French Broad Association. From Brier Creek, Elder R. Pardew, J. Adams and G. Douglas. From Mountain District, B. McBride and D. Farthing. Opened correspondence this year with the Tuckaseige. Elders Douglas, Webb and Morgan, preached on the Sabbath.

The association at this session invited an Episcopalian Minister to a seat in the body. Something unusual for a Baptist Association. The following queries were taken up and answered. 1st. Should a Church or must Ministers and Deacons call another Minister or Deacon to account for failures in the duties of his office? Answer: The Church to which he belongs. 2nd. From Kings Creek, How many delegates is a Church entitled to in the Catawba Association? Answer: Every Church under fifty members is entitled to two, and one for every additional twenty-five members. Union meetings were appointed this year at North Catawba Head, 1st Broad, Kings Creek and Bills Creek. The Circular Letter was read this year by Elder R. Coffey. It was stated in the Association that John Lea, an ordained Minister, and formerly a member of New Bethany Church, was at this time not a member of any Church.

A resolution was adopted setting apart the 12th day of May following, as a day of fasting and prayer, for the removal of error and for a revival of religion.

In 1832 this body met at New Bethany Meeting House, Iredell Co., N. C., on the 12th day of October. Elder Hugh Quin, preached the Associational Sermon. Elder A. Webb, Moderator and J. C. Grayson, Clerk. The following Churches were received into the body this year, Rocky River, Bethlehem and Gun Powder. It appears that the greatest part of the time of the body was taken up in reading letters from Associations with whom they corresponded, and appointing corresponding delegates &c. The attendance by corresponding messengers this year, was very large. From the French Broad, Elder L. Bradley and D. Garren, Brier Creek; Wm. Pilkinton, Tuckeseige; Benj. E. Holifield, Mountain District; B. McBride and D. Farthing, Bethel; S. Mc-

Curry, Broad River; P. Ramsour and J. Lewis. The circular letter was read and received. The following query from Thessalonica Church was considered and an answer given. Ought a Church having Deacons to be restricted from taking of the Lords Supper, because they have no preachers present to administer it? Answer: We think it is necessary for a preacher to be present. A request was made by the Association that all the families in the surrounding country unite with the Association in concert of prayer at or before sun-rise, on the following day, for a revival of God's grace and spirit, and his blessings generally on this session of the body. Elders T. Stradley, A. Webb and L. McCurry, preached on the Sabbath. On account of the disordered state in which the Committee appointed to investigate that matter, found Silver Creek Church, the dissolution of the Church was recommended and the following Brethren appointed for that purpose, Elders T. Carleton, J. C. Grayson, A. Webb and H. Quin.

Resolved, That in all our writings and communications on religious subjects, we will use the term, Lords Day instead of Sabbath or Sunday. Elder, instead of Reverend in addressing a Minister, and Lord's Supper, instead of Sacrament, when speaking of the communion.

In 1833 the Association met at Bethel meeting-house on the 11th of October, and the introductory sermon was delivered by Elder A. Webb. A. Webb, Moderator and J. C. Grayson, Clerk. Olivet and Dover, two newly constituted Churches were received into the body at this session. Elder S. Morgan was present as a messenger from French Broad Association; D. Micheal, from Tuckaseige; H. Posey, from Mountain District; W. P. Swanson and Wm. Kindal, from Bethel L. McCurry, and D. Dobbins from Broad River. An invitation having been given to transient ministers to take seats in the body, Elder Samuel Wait, agent for the N. C. Baptist State Convention, kindly accepted the invitation. Considered the following queries: First a query from Globe Church. How should a person act with a colored person that comes to the church and relates a good and satisfactory experience; having at the same time a white person to their husband or wife? Ans.: The church ought not to receive a person in that condition. Query from Thessalonica. Should we as Baptists, keep a member in fellowship that countenances horse-racing in any way whatever. Ans., in negative.—Query from Thessalonica church. Have the Baptists any better right to make, receive or use church creeds, than Roman Catholic's, who, we say, have no such right? Answered in the following language:

All that God requires christians to believe or do, is clearly set forth in the Bible, without note or comment, it is impious, therefore, to adhere to anything else.

Elders T. Carleton and J. C. Grayson, a part of the committee appointed last year to dissolve Silver Creek Church reported that they attended at the time appointed and found the Church in a more prosperous condition than was represented and consequently did not dissolve the Church. Elder Carleton having been called to preach to said church, accepted the call and the committee would, therefore, report matters in rather a prosperous condition. Elder John Lea, who was reported to the Association, in 1831, as being in disorder, is now fully restored to his position as a Minister and a member of the Church. Elder Samuel Wait, D. Dobbins and H. Posey, preached on the Sabbath.

The Association met in 1834 at Thessalonica Meeting House, Lincoln County, N. C. Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder H. Quin. Elected H. Quin, Moderator, and J. C. Grayson, Clerk. The Church known as Union First, was received into the Association this year.

Corresponding Messengers were present from the following bodies, viz: From Mountain District, a letter and minutes by the hands of W. Kindal. From Broad River, Elder B. T. Kirby. Brier Creek, Elder W. D. Holder. From Yadkin, E. M. Chaffin.

Elder P. Ramsour took a seat in the Association as a visiting Minister.

Considered the following query handed in from Sharon Church. Is it consistent with the rules of the Baptist Church, for one of her regularly ordained Ministers to fill the Sheriff's office. The following was the answer given in substance. We are only an advisory Council and have no right to dictate to our Brethren what shall be their vocation, but we would advise them not to entangle themselves more than they can possibly help. Appointed Elders A. Abernathy, W. C. Richards, J. C. Grayson and E. M. Chaffin, to preach on the Sabbath.

The Circular Letter was prepared this year by Elder A. Webb.

Appointed Elder Thos. Carleton to write a circular for next year on the passage of scripture that reads thus: One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism."

Elders Alfred Webb, and H. Quin, requested letters of recommendation, as they proposed moving beyond the bounds of the Association—which were granted.

The following resolution was unanimously passed by the Association:

Resolved, That we believe that our sister, the Mountain Association, has transcended the limits of an advisory council in answering in the negative the following query :

Is it right for a minister of the gospel to hold a commission of profit :

Elder T. Carleton was appointed Moderator *pro tem* in order to sign the letters of recommendation for Elders Hugh Quin and A. Webb.

The Association adjourned—prayer by Elder P. Ramsour.

This body met this year with the Kings Creek church ; it being the 9th anniversary of the Association on the 9th Oct. 1835.

The introductory sermon was preached by Alexander Abernathy.

Elder A. Webb, was chosen moderator and J. C. Grayson, clerk.

Read letters from twenty-two churches. Mt. Gilead and Macedonia, two newly constituted churches were admitted into the Association at this session.

Elder Davis Tinsley was present from the Mountain Association as a corresponding messenger. From Brier Creek, Elders Smith Ferguson, Wm. Goforth, and Bro. Eli Petty. From the Yadkin, Elder A. Roby. French Broad, Jas F. McCall. Bethel, a package of minutes, but no messenger. Elder S. Smith and J. Thomas accepted seats, in the Association as visiting ministers. The Association appointed corresponding messengers this year to all the bodies with which she corresponds. Head of Yadkin, Lower creek and Kings creek, asked for and obtained letters of dismission.

The body took under consideration the destitute condition of Silver Creek church and appointed Elders R. Cloud and T. Carleton to attend her. The Association appointed the following committee to sit with the Lower Creek church and inquire into the cause of the difficulty complained of in a letter to the Association by an excluded member of said church, viz: Elders A. Webb, A. Abernathy, W. Richards, W. Bradshaw and Daniel Moore.

The circular letter was prepared and read by Elder T. Carleton.

Elders J. Thomas, W. Goforth and A. Webb, preached on the Sabbath.

The objects of the Baptist State Convention were brought before the Association by Elder James Thomas and after some consultation it was agreed to leave the subject with the churches, to do as they thought best.

The moderator offered prayer and the Association adjourned.

The Association for the year 1836, met with the church at North Catawba, Burke county, N. C., on the 7th day of Oct.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. Webb, from the following passage of scripture : "Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners."

Elder A. Webb, moderator and J. C. Grayson, clerk.

Elder Drury Dobbins was present as a corresponding messenger from the Broad River Association. From the Yadkin, Elder John Culpepper. French Broad, Wm. Blalock.

Elder W. Church and brother P. Powel, were present from Lewis' Fork, a newly constituted Association, desiring correspondence with this body ; but owing to the fact that both bodies met on the same day ; the Association ordered a friendly letter to be returned through their messengers to inform them of the reason why they could not correspond.

Query from Ebenezer. Is it according to scripture to call Deacons Elders ? Answered in the negative.

Appointed Elders W. Richards, John Lowe, B. T. Kirby and A. Abernathy a Presbytery to visit Macedonia Church and ordain J. Clark, if upon examination he be found qualified for the work of the Gospel Ministry. Union and Antioch obtained letters at this meeting to join another Association. The committee appointed last year to visit Lower Creek Church reported that a part of the committee attended and that the matters of difficulty were settled and the two aggrieved members returned to the Church. The Circular Letter prepared by A. Webb, was read and adopted.—Appointed Elder Grayson to write a Circular for the next year on Christian Fellowship.

Elders John Culpepper, D. Dobbins and A. Webb, preached on the Sabbath.

The Church by the name of Gun Powder, was advised by the Association to change its name to Sardis.

The following preamble and resolutions, were adopted by the Association at this Session, viz :

Whereas, The Abolitionist at the North have circulated certain incendiary Pamphlets, prejudicial to the interests of the South, and the same are calculated to create much disturbance in our Christian community, inasmuch as such productions have been sent to Ministers and private members of Churches, contrary to their wishes and without their consent, and whereas, Ministers of the Gospel are liable in this way to have their usefulness diminished in a community whose feelings are hostile to such sentiments :
Therefore,

Resolved, That this Association disclaims all connection with those engaged in sending abroad productions so corrupt and poisonous and that we will in future look with indignation and contempt upon any such efforts as are calculated to disturb the best interests and peace of our country, and recommend the same course to our Churches, and sister Associations. The circular addressed to the body this year was on the subject of ministerial support. The subject was skillfully handled and much scriptural doctrine advanced.

The Association for the year 1837 met with the Church at Bethlehem, Burke County, N. C., on the 6th day of October. The Introductory discourse was delivered by Elder Wm. Richards, from the words, "They shall call on my name," Prayer was offered by Elder Thomas Carleton. Elder Alfred Webb, who had been moderator of this body for a number of years, having removed out of the bounds of the Association, Elder Thomas Carleton, was elected moderator, and J. C. Grayson, clerk. Corresponding messengers were present from the following Associations, French Broad, Elders S. Morgan and B. Bruce, Mountain, Elder Richard, Jacks and B. McBride, and Bro. D. Farthing, from Broad River, Elder Joab Wilkie, Brier Creek, Elder Wm. Goforth, Lewis Fork, P. Powell and William Church. The time of the meeting of the Lewis's Fork Association, having been changed, this Association agrees to correspond with that body. The Association advised Silver Creek Church, and all others in her bounds, destitute of preaching to call upon whatever minister they prefer, and compensate him for his services. We find from this act of the body at that time that they were at least in theory in favor of Ministers of the Gospel being compensated for their labors, whether it was their practice or not. A lengthy well written instructive and most interesting circular letter prepared by Elder J. C. Grayson was read and adopted, and ordered to be appended to the minutes. Elders J. Wilkie, R. Jacks, S. Morgan and W. Goforth preached on the Sabbath. The death of one of the Ministers of the Association was made known to the body in the following words:—

"We are called upon to announce the death of our dearly beloved brother Samuel J. Bruce, a Minister of the Gospel, whose indefatigable labors and zealous engagements in the Gospel-field, had endeared him to many and with his affectionate widow, we condole the loss of our brother in the Lord. But confidently hope and believe that our loss is his eternal gain. He departed this life in the triumphs of faith, on the 3d of July 1837, aged 33 years."

In 1838, this body convened with the Ebenezer Church, Rutherford County, N. C., on the 12th day of October. The Introductory was preached this year by Elder J. C. Grayson, from these words, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ." Letters were read from eighteen Churches. The following messengers were present from sister Associations. French Broad, S. Morgan; Broad River, D. Dobbins, J. M. Webb and J. Wilkie; Lewis Fork, W. D. Holder and R. Barnhill; Yadkin, Wm. Goforth; from Salem, a newly constituted body, Elders M. Rickman and J. W. Freeman. The Bethlehem and Globe Churches were dismissed at this meeting, to join another Association. The circular letter was prepared this year by Elder T. Carleton, and was based upon the 25th verse of the 10th chapter of Hebrews, and contains much of the marrow of the Gospel. Elder S. Morgan, W. Goforth, J. M. Webb and D. Dobbins, preached on the Sabbath.

1839. The Association met this year with the Smyrna Church, Burke County, on the 11th day of October. A sermon Introductory to the business of the body was delivered by Elder Alexander Abbernethy, from Rom. 1: 14: "I am debtor both to the Greeks and Barbarians, both to the wise and unwise." Elder Abbernethy was chosen Moderator, and H. E. Lollar, Clerk. A newly constituted Church, called Montfords Cove, was admitted into the body at this Session. Also, Globe Church returned the letter obtained last year, and was re-admitted into the body. The following Ministers and Messengers appeared, and were invited to seats in the Association, from the French Broad, Elders S. Morgan and R. Patterson; Broad River, Drury Dobbins; Lewis Fork, Elders W. D. Holder and B. Beach; Yadkin, Wm. Goforth; Salem, R. Howard; Brier Creek, Wm. Garner. The circular was prepared this year by Elder A. Abbernethy, on the subject of taking the word of God for our rule of faith and practice, the subject was well handled and the letter shows that the Bible and its teachings were held in estimation above everything else with the writer. Let Associations, Churches, Ministers and Members generally, imbibe more of the mind of Christ and the Spirit of the pure truths of Gods word.

Considered the following query from Smyrna Church: Can there be no mode adopted whereby the Churches can be more profitably supplied with the preaching of the Gospel than they now are. The query was answered in the affirmative, and the Ministers generally advised to visit the Churches and the Churches were advised to compensate them for their labor. Appointed W. Goforth, S. Morgan and Drury Dobbins, to

preach on the Sabbath.

In 1840 this body met with the Olivit Church, Lincoln County, on the 9th day of October. From Acts, 20th chapter and 28th verse, Elder J. C. Grayson delivered a discourse introductory. Elder A. Abernathy, was elected Mod., and H. E. Lollar, Clerk. Three newly constituted Churches, Round Hill, Mt Vernon and Pisgah, were received, and their delegates welcomed to seats in the Association. Corresponding messengers were present from the following Associations, with the usual letters: French Broad, Stephen Morgan; Broad River, D. Dobbins, T. K. Pursley; Lewis Fork, Elder Cornelius Livingston; Yadkin, Paul Phifer and Burton Roby; Brier Creek, Elder Z. B. Adams; Salem, Elder James Blythe, S. B. Bruce and brother John Brown. Union meetings have been kept up in the Association with very little variation from the organization of the body, until the present time. The Association appointing a committee every year to designate times and places for holding said meetings; usually appointing three during the year, and sometimes four. Corresponding messengers have also been appointed every year to the bodies with which this Association corresponds.

The Circular Letter prepared by Elder J. C. Grayson on the subject of feet washing was presented to the body after some informal consultation, it being ascertained that there was a difference of opinion on the subject. The Association agreed not to enter into any general discussion of the merits of the doctrine advanced and further, that let the result be as it might; when the matter came to a vote, fellowship should not thereby be disturbed.

The vote being taken on the letter, it was rejected by a vote of 27 to 21.

Appointed Elders James Blythe, P. Phifer and Drury Dobbins to preach on the Sabbath.

The year 1841, this body met with the Union Church, Lincoln county, N. C., on the 8th day of October. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. P. Swanson, Isaiah, 40: 11: "He shall gather the lambs with his arms, &c." Twenty-two Churches were represented by letters and delegates.

Elder J. C. Grayson was elected Moderator and Lewis McCurry, Clerk. Elder S. Morgan, was present from the French Broad Association, as a corresponding messenger, also Jacob Holifield, Broad River, Drury Dobbins and Joab Wilkie, Lewis' Fork, S. Bailey, Cornelius Livingston, Philip Powell and Joseph Harrison, Yadkin, Barton Roby and Daniel Windsor, Brier Creek, S. P. Smith, Salem, Johnathan King and Joseph Evans. The Circular Letter, prepared by Elder Grayson on the observance of the Christian Sabbath was read and ordered to be printed with the minutes. The following query was handed in from Sharon and considered:

What shall be done with a member that will not go to meeting? Answer.—Appoint one or two brethren to admonish him to his duty; "if he give satisfaction well, if not exclude him." Hebrews, 10: 25: 2nd., a query from Macedonia. Would it not be necessary for the Catawba River Association to have an established Hymn Book? Answer. We think not. We presume the meaning of the query to be whether each Church and member of a Church should have a copy of the same kind of Hymn Book? Not whether they should be compelled to use a book established by the denomination of some kind. Bills Creek, Bethel, Mountain Creek, Round Hill, Montfords Cove, Ebenezer, Big Springs, Head of First Broad River Churches, asked for and obtained letters to form a new Association. Sardis Church obtained a letter to join the Lewis' Fork Association. Elders C. Livingston, S. Morgan and Drury Dobbins, preached on the Sabbath. The word preached, seemed to be attended by the aid of the Divine Spirit, and is confidently believed that some good was accomplished in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Association in 1842 met with the Globe Church, Caldwell county, N. C., on the 7th day of October. The Sermon, Introductory to the session of the body was preached by Elder Thomas Carleton. Subject—Isaiah, 7: 25: Elected Elders Thomas Craig, Moderator and Thomas Carleton Clerk. Elders S. Morgan, J. Holifield and Isaac Washburne were present from French Broad Association. Lewis' Fork, Joseph Harrison. Broad River, J. Crowder. Brier Creek, Z. B. Adams and N. H. Gumbor. Salem, Jos. Evans and Jonathan King. Also, a letter by the hands of Elders W. Hill, J. C. Grayson and Lewis McCurry, from a newly constituted body called Green River Association. All of whom were cordially welcomed to seats in the body.

The Circular Letter prepared by Elder Abernathy, according to appointment on the subject of Sanctification was read and ordered to be printed with the minutes. From some cause unexplained in the minutes, themselves, the proceedings for this session of the body were never printed; but are found only in manuscript form. Considered a query from Smyrna Church. What shall be done with a member of a Church who removes out of the bounds of the Church without applying for a letter or giving the Church

any notice or reason for his absence? Answer. We recommend the Churches to exercise their own Judgment, after a sufficient degree of Christian forbearance.

The stand was occupied on the Sabbath by Elders W. Hill, J. Harrison, J. C. Grayson and S. Morgan.

In 1843 the Association met with the Church at Bethany, Iredell County, on the 6th day of October. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Thomas Craig. Elected Thomas Craig, Moderator, and Thomas Carleton, Clerk. Brother Badgett offered an apology for not having the minutes of last year printed, which was received by the body. Philadelphia, a newly constituted Church, was received into the Association this year.

Corresponding messengers were present from the following Associations. French Broad, Elder S. Morgan, J. Holifield and J. Washburn; Lewis Fork, Smith Furguson and William Church; Yadkin, Mark May, and D. Windsor; Brier Creek, Wm. Garner and Ben. Hines; Green River, Daniel Pruett. Elder N. A. Purefoy, took a seat in the body, as a visiting Minister. The circular prepared by T. Carleton, was called for, read and ordered to be appended to the minutes, but from some cause or other it was omitted. Query from Union Church, "Is it consistent with Gospel order, to retain members in the Church, who walk orderly, but are in principle, Arminians?" Answered in the negative.

Elders N. A. Purefoy, Smith Furguson and Stephen Morgan, preached on the Sabbath, Elder Windsor, closed the services by exhortation and prayer.

For the year 1844, the Association convened with the Church at Mt. Zion, Burke County, on the 11th day of October.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. Abbernathy; Text, "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the Moon, clear as the Sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

Elected Thos. Craig, Moderator, Thomas Carleton, Clerk. St. John's, a newly constituted Church, was received into the body this year. S. Morgan, S. M. Collis and J. Holifield, were present as corresponding messengers, from French Broad; Lewis Fork, W. D. Holder; Brier Creek, Z. B. Adams, Green River, Joab Wilkie; Broad River, Drury Dobbins; Yadkin, John Richards. Elders Ransom, P. Cloud and Miles J. Abbernathy, took seats in the body, as visiting Ministers. Owing to the geographical situation of the Salem Association, agreed to drop correspondence with that body.

Elders Joab Wilkie, Drury Dobbins and S. Morgan, preached on the Sabbath.

The circular letter prepared by Elder A. Abbernathy, was read, adopted and ordered to be appended to these minutes. New Bethany Church requested the Association to send a Presbytery to ordain, if found qualified to the Gospel Ministry; R. H. Carskadon, Elders Abbernathy, Carleton, Craig, Clark and Miles J. Abbernathy, were designated as said Presbytery.

This body held its sixteenth Anniversary at North Catawba, on the 9th day of October 1846. The Introductory Sermon according to appointment was preached by Ransom P. Cloud, text: "And if ye be Christ, then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise." The officers of the Association, the same as last year.

The corresponding delegates were invited to seats in the body, and accepted by the following brethren: French Broad, S. Morgan, S. M. Collis, J. Holifield and J. J. Dickson; Lewis Fork, Elders W. Goforth and R. H. Moody; Brier Creek, B. Hines, Eli Hendren and Jabes Hendren; Green River, J. C. Grayson. Elder Mathew Kirksey, took a seat in the body as a visiting Minister. The Presbytery appointed to go to Bethany Church, to ordain R. H. Carskadon, reported that they did not attend, and offered as the reason, that they had received letters stating that the Church had called Elder W. Garner and he had ordained said Carskadon, a warm, but affectionate discussion arose as to the validity of said ordination, not coming to any definite conclusion, the subject was postponed till Monday.

The circular letter prepared by Elder A. Abbernathy, was read and ordered to be appended to these minutes. Elders Grayson, Collis, Morgan and A. Abbernathy, preached on Sunday. Took up the case of ordination from New Bethany Church.

The New Bethany Church came forward in the spirit of meekness, and expressed a willingness to submit the whole matter to the Association, after advising the New Bethany Church, and all others to be guarded against disorderly ordinations, and expressing their special disapprobation of the action of said Church, the matter was dismissed. A letter was read from the Moriah Association, requesting correspondence with this body, which was (in view of the distance and the fact of having to pass through another Association,) declined.

In 1847 this body convened with the Mt. Ruhuama Church, Catawba County, October 8th. Introductory Sermon preached by Elder A. Abbernathy, Elder T. Carleton

having failed to arrive in time. T. Craig, Moderator, T. Carleton, Clerk. No corresponding messengers this year from French Broad. Lewis Fork, J. B. Powell and H. Holsclaw; Brier Creek, S. D. Swain, J. B. Green and Obadiah Springle; Broad River, J. S. Eazel; Green River, Elder A. Padget.

The circular letter was prepared by T. Craig, on the subject of intruding Ministers. There seems to have been little done during this session of the body other than reading and writing letters of correspondence to and from other Associations, with which this body corresponds.

In 1848, this Association, met with the Smyrna Church, Burke County, N. C., on the 6th day of October. A Sermon, Introductory, was delivered by Elder A. Abbernathy. The officers, the same this year as last. Rocky Spring, a newly constituted Church, presented a letter by their delegates, W. D. Holder and Elijah Chambers, and was received. Correspondents were present from the following bodies: French Broad, S. Morgan, S. M. Collis, Henry Brookshire and James Washburn. The letter and delegates, from the French Broad, were rejected this year, on the ground, that said Association had opened a correspondence with the Free Will Association, called *Big Ivy*. Lewis' Fork, Elder R. H. Moody and Brother Moses Smith. Green River, Elders J. C. Grayson and Baily Bruce. The messengers from French Broad Association were invited to take seats in the body as visiting brethren, and Ministers. The Association, believing, that they, themselves, were not to blame in the matter of the correspondence with the *Big Ivy* Association. Ordered, by the body, that a friendly letter be written to the French Broad Association, stating the reason we cannot receive her messengers and appoint others in return.

A resolution was adopted at this session, not to correspond with any Association across another. Elders S. Morgan, J. F. Pendergrass, J. C. Grayson and Baily Bruce, preached on the Sabbath. The Association passed a resolution recommending the Baptist Hymn Book, to all the Churches within its bounds. Took up the request from Mount Rhuama Church, advised them to call the preacher of their choice and if they would remove the difficulties out of his way; he would come and preach to them. The request, alluded to above, from Mt. Rhuama Church is not stated—we, therefore, are unable to say what it was. The Circular Letter prepared by Elder A. Abbernathy, was read and ordered to be appended to the minutes. The subject was Fellowship, and it contains much valuable instruction.

This body met with the St. John's Church, Burke County, on the 12th day of October, 1849. The Sermon, Introductory, to the business, was delivered by Thomas Craig. Elders T. Craig, Moderator and T. Carlton, Clerk. From Lewis' Fork Association, Elder Burton Bradley and James Reid, presented themselves and were received:—Broad River, T. K. Pursely, W. Hill and R. P. Logan. Green River, Joab Wilkie.—The Circular Letter was prepared this year by T. Craig, on the subject of regeneration; which, being read, was ordered to be printed.

T. K. Pursely, R. P. Logan and Wade Hill, preached on the Sabbath.

The Association passed a resolution, cautioning the Churches against an impostor, by the name of John Q. Barber, who has been officiating, as a Baptist Minister.

The body noticed on the face of her Minutes, the fact, that R. H. Carskahan, once, an ordained Minister, of our denomination, but now an excluded member, and having been informed, that he had been preaching since his exclusion; therefore, she took this method of publishing him before the world, as being in disorder.

In 1850, this body met with the Rocky Spring Church, Caldwell, County, N. C., on the 12th day of October. The Sermon, Introductory, was preached by Elder R. H. Moody. Elder Abbernathy, having failed to attend. Elected Elder T. Craige, Moderator and R. H. Moody, Clerk. The following correspondents were present: Green River, J. C. Grayson. Lewis' Fork, Elders B. Bradley, C. Livingston, S. Metlock and E. Tinsley. The Circular letter was prepared this year by Elder R. H. Moody, and is worthy of the perusal of all who are fond of the truth, in a condensed form.

Elders Livingston, Bradley and Grayson preached on the Sabbath.

Appointed Elders Abbernathy, R. P. Cloud, A. Hilderbrand, J. Clark and Brother J. Padget, to visit Rocky River Church, and report its standing to the next Association.

In the year 1851, this body met with the New Bethaney Church, on the 10th day of October. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. Abbernathy. T. Graige, Moderator, R. H. Moody, Clerk. The following brethren were present from corresponding bodies: Broad River, Elder W. Hill and brethren A. J. Cansler and J. M. McGrea. Lewis' Fork, Elder J. Reed, H. Holsclaw, Edmund Tilley, J. Crouch, W. Pool and C. Livingston. Elders J. B. Green, R. B. Jones and Wm. Garner, took seats as visiting Ministers. The Circular Letter, prepared this year by T. Carleton, on the subject of communion, was read, adopted and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Took up a query from New Bethany Church, which reads as follows: Is it consistent with Gospel order, for Church members to join in secret councils with men of the world, under color of promoting morality? Answer. No. We presume, that this query grew out of the fact that about that time, an order sprang up, and was propagated through this country, known as the Sons of Temperance. The answer, here, given and the answer, that a body of the same kind, would give now, were it put to them, in the same form, show a wonderful progress in intelligence—*non rectus leges sine intelligentia*. No correct laws without knowledge.

A query, in the following words, was found on the Table. Are not the Old and New Testaments sufficient for rules of faith and practice, without any abstract of principles? Answered, in the affirmative. Elders A. Abbernathy, R. B. Jones, and Wade Hill preached on the Sabbath. The Committee appointed to visit Rocky River Church, reported that they had attended and dissolved the Church. The death of Elder Ransom P. Cloud, was announced to the Association, at this session, and inasmuch as Elder Cloud was a man of deep piety, eminent usefulness in the Christian Ministry, loved and respected by all who knew him. Therefore,

Resolved, That we sympathise with his bereaved family, (which consists of a wife and nine children,) and commend them to the Christian regard of our denomination, and those among whom he labored.

While the Association, at this nor, any of the former meetings did not seem to do very much for the spread of the Gospel; otherwise than preach it to those in her immediate Churches, and communities, yet, when they came together, they seemed to enjoy it very much, and it seemed, that all her meetings were characterised by peace and harmony.

In 1852 this body convened with the Union Church, Burke County, on the 8th day of October. The Associational Sermon was delivered by T. Craig. Elder T. Carlton, Moderator and R. H. Moody, Secretary. Mt. Gilead and Providence, two newly constituted Churches, were received into the body at this Session.

Correspondents appeared from the following bodies, viz: Green River, Elder J. C. Grayson; Broad River, W. Hill and A. J. Canster; Lewis Fork, C. Livingston, J. Reed and B. Bradley; Kings Mountain, John Jones.

Elder A. Abbernathy, stated that St. John's Church was in disorder, there being some members in it, illegally Baptized. After some consultation, Elders Hildebrand and Abbernathy, agreed to try and settle the matter between themselves.

Resolved, That we recommend the Churches to remunerate the Ministers that preach to them at their Union Meetings.

Resolved, That we recommend our Churches to suffer none of their members to drink Spirituous Liquors, especially at public times and places.

Elders J. C. Grayson, R. B. Jones and W. Hill, preached on the Sabbath.

The Association passed the following Resolution:

Resolved, That we invite no unbaptized person into our pulpits.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the body:

Whereas, Religious intelligence, through the medium of geneaal reading, facilitated greatly by the supply of good books, conveniently afforded, is in a rapid state of progress among sister Associations, as well as in other denominations; therefore,

Resolved, That we make some arrangements to supply the reading community, with such books as will be calculated to promote true piety, dispel error, and build up the faith in the minds of the people in our bounds.

Resolved, That we recommend Pastors and supplies of Churches, to lay this matter before their respective Churches, by subscription, to collect as much as possible to form a book fund, and pay the same to a committee appointed to attend to this matter. A board was appointed to carry out the intention of the above resolutions, consisting of P. Warlick, H. R. Curtis and A. Abbernathy. This seems to be the first Session of the Association, where anything like miss onary money was talked of or books and periodicals; we therefore feel, that a new impetus was given to the body at this Session.

For the year 1853, the Association held its meeting with the Silver Creek Church, Burke County, N. C., on the 7th day of October. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder T. Carlton. T. Carlton, Moderator and R. H. Moody, Clerk.

Pleasant Hill, a newly constituted Church was admitted into the body at this session. J. C. Grayson and B. Taylor, from the Green River; C. Livingston and Hiram West, from the Lewis Fork; Elders T. Dickson and J. J. Jones, from the Kings Mountain, were welcomed to seats in the Association, as corresponding messengers from said bodies.

A committee previously appointed to visit New Bethany Church, and assist them in adjusting some Church difficulties, reported that they approved the course of said Church in the exclusion of A. L. Moore, a licentiate of said Church, for preaching doc-

trine, as we believe, contrary to the teachings of God's word; viz: *apostasy and open communion*. We, as Baptists, believe that immersion is the only scriptural mode of baptism, and that baptized believers are alone to be admitted to the Lord's table. A very interesting circular letter was prepared this year by R. H. Moody, on the subject of the advancement of God's glorious kingdom in the earth. In this letter is discussed the scriptural doctrine of Temperance, and it embraces many important and instructive truths.

Owing to the feeble condition of Thessalonica Church, a committee was appointed to visit her, and dissolve the Church if the committee thought it advisable, since that time, the Lord has greatly and graciously prospered that Church, and she now stands forth as a beacon light in the midst of error, sin and immorality.

Elders T. Dickson, R. B. Jones and R. H. Moody, preached on the Sabbath.

1854. The body met this year at the usual time, with the Olivet Church. The Associational Sermon, was delivered by R. B. Jones, officers the same as last year.

Elders B. Bruce and L. McCurry, from the Green River; J. J. Jones and R. P. Logan, from the Kings Mountain, took seats as corresponding messengers, from said bodies. The Association dropped correspondence with the Lewis Fork Association, on account of her anti Temperance principles. The design of the Church organization was ably discussed by Elder R. B. Jones, in a circular letter which was appended to the minutes for this year. Olivet and Globe Churches were dismissed from the body, the former to join Kings Mountain, and the latter Three Fork. Elders Bruce, McCurry and Jones, preached on Sunday. A book Society was organized at this meeting of the body, the object of which was the circulation of the Bible and religious books. There seems to have been some little feeling at this session of the Association, on the subject of Temperance, out of which grew some rather unguarded remarks, all of which soon subsided, and was buried and forgotten.

1855. The body met at North Catawba. Introductory by R. H. Moody. Globe Church returned to this body, and was cordially received. Bruington, a newly constituted Church, was received into the fellowship of the Association, at this meeting. Elders J. C. Grayson, from Green River; S. P. Smith and R. L. Steel, from Taylorsville; A. J. Cansler, from Broad River, took seats in the body, as messengers, from said bodies. Union meetings which had been kept up from the organization, of the body until this session were on motion dispensed with. The circular letter was written this year by Elder Moody, on the subject of missions. The subject was happily chosen, earnestly and scripturally discussed. Notwithstanding the subject was so forcibly brought to the attention of the Churches, still there is a great want now of the practical effects, of the truth therein taught. A letter of dismissal was granted St. John's Church, to join Kings Mountain Association. Silver Creek applied also for a letter in order to join the Lower Creek Association, but owing to the fact of her anti-Temperance principles, it was not granted. Considered a query from Globe Church, in the following words. Is it gospel order and good discipline for a Minister belonging to an Association, with which we have refused to correspond, on account of anti-Temperance, to preach to one of our Churches as a regular supply? and, answered in the negative.

Elders S. P. Smith, R. B. Jones and J. C. Grayson, preached on the Sabbath.

A resolution was passed urging the Churches to contribute liberally to the support of Elder R. H. Moody, who was travelling as a Missionary under the appointment of the Western Convention. Appointed Elders R. B. Jones, R. H. Moody, T. Carleton and Brother Warlick, were appointed delegates to the Western Convention.

1856. The body met with the Smyrna Church, at the Warrior Ford, on upper Creek, Burke County, at the usual time. Introductory by Elder R. B. Jones. Elder Jones was appointed Moderator, and D. C. Cockerham, Clerk. J. H. West, A. H. Simmons, from Green River; I. Oxford, from Taylorsville, were invited to seats as messengers from the above bodies. Elder R. H. Moody, was invited to a seat in the body as a visiting Minister. I. Oxford, R. B. Jones and R. H. Moody, preached on the Sabbath.

A resolution was adopted by the body at this Session, recommending the establishing of a School of high grade in the bounds of the Association; and designated Mountain Springs as the place, and appointed J. S. Parks, Elijah Chambers, Phillip Warlick, B. H. Martin, D. C. Cockerham, Joseph Benfield and J. B. Marler, a board to Superintend the affairs of said School.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing the action of the Western Convention, appointing Elder T. Carleton, a Missionary, and urging the Churches, within the bounds of the body, to contribute to his support.

1857. The Association convened with the Providence Church, Catawba County. Introductory Sermon by Elder T. Carleton. T. Carleton, Moderator and J. H. Spainbow, Clerk. I. Oxford, from the Taylorsville; and D. Setzer, from the Kings Moun-

tin, took seats as correspondents. Elder Elias Dodson, agent of the board of foreign missions, was cordially invited to a seat in the body. Appointed I. Oxford, R. L. Steel and E. Dodson, to preach on the Sabbath.

On motion, agreed to discontinue the practice of writing circular letters.

I must be permitted to say here, (in all due deference to the opinions of those brethren that composed the body at that time,) that I consider this as the most injudicious act of the body up to this time; for, by a careful perusal of at least some of the letters in years gone by, I have been greatly strengthened, in my confidence in the authority of the body from its origin, till the present.

Query. How shall we receive members who are dissatisfied at home, and are in good standing, and cannot get a letter from their Church? Answered in the following words: Receive them on application, their Christian character being known. Agreed to open books of subscription for three different sites for a high School, viz: Smyrna, North Catawba and Mountain Springs, and the one presenting to the Board the largest subscription, should be the place for the School.

Resolved, That we recommend a committee of three, to meet committees of other Associations, to locate a Female College in the bounds of the Western Convention.

Resolutions were passed recommending the *Biblical Recorder*, *Southern Review*, *Commission*, *Home and Foreign Journal*, *Christian Review* and *Young Reaper*.

Resolved, That we recommend our Preachers to preach a Sermon annually on benevolence. Interesting reports were submitted on Education, Temperance, Sabbath Schools &c. There was no circular written for the minutes this year.

1858. The Association met this year with the Church, at Warlick's Chapel. Introductory Sermon by Elder Job. Moore. T. Carleton, Moderator and J. H. Spainhower, Clerk. A newly constituted Church, called Bethlehem, was received into the body. Elder Hilderbrand, J. J. Hicks, from Kings Mountain; I. Oxford, R. L. Steel and James Reed, from the Taylorsville, were received as corresponding delegates from said bodies. Elder S. P. Smith, James Brunfield and Joseph Harrison, accepted seats as visiting Ministers. The body re-adopted the practice of holding Union Meetings. Elder A. Abbernathy addressed the Association and congregation, on the subject of Temperance, and Missions, in a most affecting strain, the Church of which he was a member having lost its connection with the body, on account of not being orthodox on these questions. He said, in the conclusion of his remarks, that he was in favor of the use of all the means possible to spread the Gospel far and near, and total abstinence from Spirituous Liquors, as the only safe guard to Temperance. And upon these grounds his Church desires to return to her place in the body; and his request was granted. A. Abberdathy, S. P. Smith and Joseph Harrison, preached on the Sabbath. The subscription for an Academy, having been found on comparing lists to be in favor of North Catawba, and was accordingly built, principally by the subscriptions of brethren Bradshaw, Martin, and some others in the neighborhood, and the Academy was tendered to the Association at this Session and received. A board of Trustees was then appointed, consisting of brethren William Bradshaw, sr., Elijah Bradshaw, B. H. Mrtin, Philip Warlick, Jesse Moore, M. Spainhower and D. C. Cockerham. Resolutions were passed endorsing the appointment of Elder S. P. Smith, Missionary by the Western Convention.

And also the opening of Sabbath Schools in all the Churches.

1859. The Association met with the Rocky Spring Church, Caldwell County. Introductory Sermon wss preached by Rev. J. H. Spainhower. Elder A. Abbernathy, Moderator and D. C. Cockerham, Clerk. Transient Ministers were invited to seats in the body, and were accepted by Elders E. Dodson, E. A. Poe, R. H. Moody, Joseph Harrison, J. H. Spainhower and J. A. Hagaman. An hour was set apart for the purpose of hearing an address from Elder Dodson, on the subject of Education. A letter was granted New Bethany Church to join the Lewis Fork Association.

A very interesting and well written circular was prepared this year by Rev. J. H. Spainhower, a young brother of much promise, who had just entered the work of the Ministry, a licentiate, on the spiritual condition of the heathen, and their need of the blessed Gospel of our God.

Reports were submitted by the various committes, on Education, Home and Foreign Missions, Temperance, Periodicals &c.

Elders E. A. Poe, E. Dodson and R. H. Moody, preached on the Sabbath.

1860. The Association convened this year with the Church at Bruington, Gaston County, N. C., at the usual time in October. Introductory Sermon by Elder A. Abbernathy. A. Abbernathy, was chosen Moderator, and D. C. Cockerham, Clerk.

Elders R. P. Logan and L. M. Berry, from the Kings Mountain Association, were welcomed to seats as corresponding messengers from said body. Elder R. H. Moody, from the Rockledge Association, also took a seat in the Association, as a visiting

Minister. Elder A. Abbernathy, was appointed by the Association, to travel and preach as a Missionary in the bounds of the body. Elders R. P. Logan, R. H. Moody and L. M. Berry, were appointed to preach on the Sabbath. Owing to the small number of Delegates present, and to other unpropitious circumstances, the brethren were very much discouraged at this session, and were almost upon the point of dissolving the body entirely.

We find that there were very few Ministers belonging to the body at that time, and they were men very far advanced in life. We are informed by persons that were present, that Elders Carleton, Abbernathy, Clark and Brumfield, in connection with the other brethren present, entered into a solemn covenant, to pray earnestly for more laborers to be sent into our bounds; and for the prosperity of the Association. We are fully convinced that their prayers were heard and good was accomplished by this assembling together of the brethren, that will be seen and felt in days to come. The Catawba River Association has been gaining ground in point of strength, and numbers ever since.

1861. The Association convened this year with the Church at North Catawba, Caldwell County, at the usual time. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder T. Carleton. Elder A. Abbernathy, was chosen Moderator, and E. A. Poe, Clerk. The prospects of the body seemed to be even brighter at this session than it had been for several of the preceeding meetings. Elders L. McCurry, from the Kings Mountain; R. H. Moody, from the Tuckasiege; and I. Oxford, from United Baptist Association, were welcomed to seats in the body. Elders I. Oxford, L. McCurry and R. Moody, preached on the Sabbath. Elder A. Abbernathy, was continued as Missionary to travel and preach to the destitute Churches.

1862. The Association met this year with the Church at Zion, Burke County, October 10th. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Roderick. The former Moderator being absent, Elder Carleton was called to the Chair, and led in religious exercises. Elders A. J. Cansler, J. C. Grayson, E. A. Poe and brother R. Whitesides, from the Green River; and I. Oxford, from the United Baptist Association, were welcomed to seats as corresponding messengers. Elder J. A. Stradley and W. R. Gnatlney, were invited to, and accepted seats in the body. Elder G. W. Rollins, was also present from the Kings Mountain Association. Elder Gaultney, addressed the Association on the subject of Army Colportage.

Elders G. W. Rollins, J. C. Grayson and A. J. Cansler, preached on the Sabbath. Interesting reports submitted by committees appointed for that purpose, are found appended to the minutes for this year. The circular prepared by Elder Carleton, was not printed at his own request. Elder R. H. Moody, having again become a member of this Association, was appointed a Missionary, to travel and preach to Churches destitute of the preached word, and at other points in the bounds of the Association. The Association agreed to open correspondence with the Salem Association; and appointed Delegates to that body. Elder R. H. Moody, was appointed to write an essay on the subject of Temperance, to be read at a Union meeting at Rocky Spring, to be held the following February.

1863. The body convened with the Providence Church, October 9th. The Associational Sermon was preached by Elder R. H. Moody. Long Creek and Union, the former dismissed from the Kings Mountain, and the latter, a newly constituted Church, were admitted into the Association at this session. Elder A. J. Cansler, was chosen Moderator and J. G. Lewis, Clerk. Elder A. B. Trwin, from the United Baptist Association, took a seat as a visiting Minister. Elder I. Oxford, took a seat in the Association as a corresponding messenger, from the United Association. The circular was prepared this year by Elder Moody, on the subject of humility.

Elder R. H. Moody, was re-appointed Missionary of the body; having submitted a satisfactory report of his labors for last year. Elders I. Oxford, A. J. Cansler and R. H. Moody, preached on the Sabbath. Elders A. J. Cansler, R. H. Moody, E. A. Poe, J. Brumfield and brethren C. C. Withers, J. G. Lewis, Jasper Wilson and D. C. Cockerham, were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention. The subject of Home and Foreign Missions, Sabbath Schools and Periodicals, were discussed and reports of committees on those subjects appended to the minutes. From the amount contributed to the various objects before the body, there seems to have been a warm feeling entertained for the several objects of benevolence. The cause of missions, should always engage the warmest affections of the Christian's heart.

1864. The Association met with Long Creek Church, October 7th. Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder E. A. Poe. Elder A. J. Cansler, was chosen Moderator, and J. G. Lewis, Clerk. Elder I. Oxford, appeared as a corresponding messenger from the United Baptist Association. The circular letter was written this year by Elder Cansler on the subject of Hell, and ordered by the body to be published in the

Biblical Recorder. Salem Church, formerly a member of Kings Mountain Association, was admitted into this body. Elders I. Oxford, R. H. Moody and E. A. Poe, preached on the Sabbath.

A committee was appointed, to endeavor to supply the destitute places in the bounds of the Association, with the preached word, by the appointment of Missionaries for that purpose. Reports on Sabbath Schools, Home and Foreign Missions, Periodicals and Temperance, were submitted and appended to the minutes. In consequence of so many of our people being away from their homes in the Army. The subject of Army Colportage engaged largely the attention of the body, at all of its meetings during the continuance of our national troubles. Home Missions have been permitted to languish for the last few years. Little more than a few lines written in the form of a report has been done for the last few years in this, as well as many other bodies similar to it.

In 1865, this body with the Union Church, Burke County. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder R. H. Moody. Elder A. J. Cansler, was chosen Moderator and Elder R. H. Moody, Clerk. Elders J. C. Grayson and B. E. Rollins, from the Green River; and I. Oxford, from the United Baptist Association, were welcomed to seats in the body. Elder J. A. Stradley, from the Salem Association, also, took a seat in the body, as visiting Minister. Elders, B. E. Rollins, J. A. Stradley, and J. C. Grayson, preached on the Sabbath. Committees were appointed to draw up a Report on Home and Foreign Missions, Periodicals, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, state of religion in our bounds, &c. All of which, submitted very interesting reports. The Committee on the state of religion in the bounds of the Association, reported an increase of members, by Baptism, during the year of two hundred and thirty-eight.

1866. This body met with the Salem Church, Lincoln County. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. J. Cansler. Elder A. J. Cansler, was chosen Moderator and R. H. Moody, Clerk. Union Third, a newly constituted Church and Lebanon, formerly a member of Kings' Mountain Association, were admitted as members of this body. M. D. Corn, from the Green River; and J. Oxford, from the United Baptist Association, were welcomed to seats as corresponding messengers from said bodies.— Elders G. R. Harding, J. M. Roderich and J. J. Blackwood, were invited to, and accepted seats in the body as visiting Ministers. The usual committees were appointed, on the subjects of Home and Foreign Missions, Periodicals, Temperance and Sabbath Schools.

Interesting reports were offered, which are found appended to the minutes. Elders I. Oxford, E. A. Poe and R. H. Moody, preached on the Sabbath. The committee on Obituaries, submitted the following report, on the death of our much esteemed brother A. Abbernathy: Alexander Abbernathy, was born March the 13th 1790, and departed this life August 30th 1866 in the 77th year of his age. Elder Abbernathy was born near the Mountain Island Shoal, on the Catawba River, Lincoln County, N. C. He was the son of Smith Abbernathy, and removed with his father to Dutchman's Creek, at an early age. In a few years after, Smith Abbernathy, father of A. Abbernathy, moved to the South Fork, Lincoln County, N. C. Then in a short time he removed with his father to Rutherford County, N. C., and at the age of twenty-two years he joined the Methodist Society, and shortly after professed religion, he was licensed to preach. After laboring with the Methodists several years, he and wife obtained a letter of dismission, and returned to Burke County, near his last residence. Shortly after this, he joined the Baptist Church. His membership was in Union Church till his death. Elder Abbernathy was baptized by Hosea Holcomb, on the 26th April 1817; and was ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry, by Drury Dobbins and Hosea Holcomb. He labored in that work from his ordination, till his death. He was a faithful Minister, and in full fellowship with the Church, and much loved by all Ministers and brethren with whom he mingled, and was acquainted. While on his death bed he said, tho he was weak in body, he was strong in faith, and though he was called to go through the valley and Shadow of death he feared no evil.

Thus dear brethren we have endeavored to give in as condensed a form as possible, a sketch of the doings and proceedings of the Catawba River Baptist Association, from its origin, until the present. A though taking what appears on the face of the minutes each year, nothing very brilliant presents itself to our minds, yet when we take into consideration the spirit with which all the proceedings were characterized, there will be found much to admire; and much to lead us to imitate their example.

For the last few years passed, the Lord seems to have been very gracious and merciful, to the people in this part of his moral vineyard. We are informed by the Statistical Tables, as shown up in the minutes of each year, that a very great ingathering of souls has been realized by a large number of our Churches; and in a word, all have received more or less accession. We feel, that while Zion seems to languish in some respects, and with some of the Churches, still we ought to be thankful for the

success already achieved, and take fresh courage to enable us to fight on, till death shall put an end to our earthly labors, and then through the unbounded mercy and goodness, of God, we hope to be taken to our father's house in Heaven, there to praise Him with all the blood washed throng around His Throne, on high; and may the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of A'mighty God, our Heavenly Father, guide all your minds and hearts in the paths of truth and righteousness; and we ultimately saved with an everlasting Salvation, is the prayer of your unworthy servant. AMEN.

APPOINTMENTS.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
1827.		
Head of Yadkin.	Caldwell.	R. Coffey, S. Curtis, W. Coffey.
Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	A. Webb, P. Fortune, A. B. Melton.
Bills Creek.	Rutherford.	E. Haynes, I. Ledbetter.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	W. Richards, J. Badgett.
Lower Creek.	Caldwell.	I. Sherrel, J. Clark, G. Powell.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	J. Hall, W. Toney.
H. B. River.	Rutherford.	J. C. Grayson, B. Taylor.
Union.	Burke.	A. Western, A. Western, jr.
Kings Creek.	Caldwell.	S. Furguson, B. Beach, W. Bradley, J. Calton.
Mountain Creek.	Rutherford.	J. Bradley, R. Rick.
Big Spring.	Rutherford.	J. Padgett, W. Wilkie, Wm. Price.
Globe.	Caldwell.	J. Moore, S. Coffey, Wm. Penley.
Mt. Ruhama.	Catawba.	No Representation.
1828.		
Head of Yadkin.	Caldwell.	R. Coffey, J. Dowell,
Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	A. Webb, P. Fortune, W. Fortune.
Bills' Creek.	" "	J. Whiteside, A. Green.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	W. Richards, J. Lee.
Lower Creek.	Caldwell.	J. Clark, J. Sherill, P. Powell.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	J. Hall.
Head 1st. B. R.	Rutherford.	B. Taylor, E. Hunt, J. C. Grayson.
Union.	Burke.	S. Harrinton, A. West, B. Roberts.
Kings Creek.	Caldwell.	B. Beach, W. Carlton, W. Bradley,
Mountain Creek.	Rutherford.	B. Mitealf, F. Edwards, F. Logan.
Big Spring.	" "	J. Padgett, W. Wilkie, W. L. Price.
Globe.	Burke.	J. Moore, S. Coffey, E. Chambers.
Bethel.	"	Z. Blackwell, D. Hicks.
Mt. Ruhama.	Catawba.	H. Quinn, D. L. Farr, W. Bandy.
1829.		
Head Yadkin.	Caldwell.	R. Coffey, Wm. Coffey.
Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	A. Webb, A. Biggerstaff, W. Fortune.
Bills Creek.	" "	A. Green, L. Harris, I. Ledbetter.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	W. Richards, J. Badgett.
Lower Creek.	Caldwell.	J. Sherrel, P. Powell.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	J. Hall, S. Ezeal, M. Hall.
Head 1st. B. R.	Rutherford.	B. Taylor, E. Hunt, J. C. Grayson, H. Poteate.
Union.	Burke.	A. West, Wm. Roberts.
Kings Creek.	Caldwell.	W. Carlton, B. Beach, W. Badley.
Mountain Creek.	Rutherford.	T. Edwards, J. Bradley, F. Logan.
Big Spring.	" "	J. Padgett, W. Wilkie, J. Wilkie, W. L. Prell.
Globe.	Burke.	R. Hiat, W. Penley, D. Moore, sen.
Bethel.	"	Z. Blackwell, D. Hicks.
Mt. Ruhama.	Catawba.	H. Quinn, D. L. Farr, J. Lowe.
Antioch.	Burke.	N. Austin, B. Austin, W. Swanson.
North Catawba.	Caldwell.	T. Craig, W. Bradshaw.
Smyrna.	Burke.	T. Carlton, J. Scott, J. A. Pearson.
1830.		
Head Yadkin.	Caldwell.	R. Coffey, J. Dowell, Wm. Coffey,
Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	A. Webb, L. Deck.
Bills Creek.	" "	I. Ledbetter, M. Reaves.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	W. Richards, J. Lee, J. Badgett, H. Howard.
Lower Creek.	Caldwell.	P. Powell, R. Freeman.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	J. Hall.
Head 1st. B. R.	Rutherford.	B. Taylor, E. Hunt, J. C. Grayson.
Union.	Burke.	A. Letter.

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NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Kings Creek.	Caldwell Co.	W. Carlton B. Beach, S. Ferguson.
Kings Creek.	Caldwell.	Wm. Bradley E. Story, J. Carlton.
Big Spring.	Rutherford.	J. Badgett, W. Wilkie J. Wilkie.
Mountain Creek.	Ca'dwell.	J. C. Dawson, B. Metcalf.
Globe.	Burke.	J. Moore, E. Moore.
Bethel.	"	Z. Blackwell, D. Hicks.
Mt. Rhuama.	Catawba.	Hugh Quinn, W. Bandy, E. Sanders, J. Styles.
Antioch.	Burke.	W. P. Swanson.
North Catawba.	Caldwell.	Thomas Craig.
Smyrna.	Burke.	Thomas Carlton, J. A. Pierson.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	D. L. Farr, John Lowe, E. Abernathy.
Thessalonica.	Lincoln.	J. Wacaser, Henry Rhodes.
1881.		
Head Yadkin.	Caldwell.	R. Coffey, Wm. Coffey, John Craig.
Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	A. Webb, A. Biggerstaff, W. Fortune.
Bills Creek.	" "	A. Green, L. Harris.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	W. Richards, J. Badgett, E. Ingram.
Lower Creek.	Burke.	J. Clark, J. Sherrel, P. Powell.
Silver Creek.	"	A. Letter.
Head 1st. B. R.	Rutherford.	E. Hunt, J. C. Grayson, B. Taylor, W. Toney.
Union.	Burke.	A. West.
Kings Creek.	"	S. Ferguson, B. Beach, J. Carlton.
Mountain Creek.	Rutherford.	W. Johnson.
Big Spring.	" "	A. Letter.
Globe.	Burke.	D. Moore, sen., L. Estes.
Bethel.	"	Z. Blackwell, G. Sterns.
Mt. Rhuama.	Lincoln.	A. Letter.
Antioch.	Burke.	W. Swanson.
North Catawba.	"	T. Craig.
Smyrna.	"	T. Carlton, J. S. Parks, J. Carroll, J. Fox.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	D. L. Farr, John Lowe.
Thessalonica.	"	Hugh Quinn.
1882.		
Head Yadkin.	Wilkes.	H. Craig, E. Coffey.
Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	A. Webb, W. Fortune, L. Deck.
Bills Creek.	" "	M. Reaves.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	W. Richards, H. E. Lollard.
Lower Creek.	Burke.	P. Powell, J. Sherrel.
Silver Creek.	"	No Return.
Head 1st. B. R.	Rutherford.	J. C. Grayson, E. Hunt.
Union.	Burke.	A. West, J. Oxford.
Kings Creek.	"	B. Beach, S. Ferguson.
Mountain Creek.	Rutherford.	J. B. Badley, P. Swanson W. Bradley, J. Carlton.
Big Spring.	" "	A. Letter.
Globe.	Burke.	A. Letter, E. Eng'land.
Bethel.	"	Z. Blackwell, M. Red.
Mt. Rhuama.	Lincoln.	Wm. Bandy E. Clodfieldter.
Antioch.	Burke.	N. Austin, S. Austin.
North Catawba.	"	Thos. Craig, Wm. Bradshaw.
Smyrna.	"	T. Carlton, J. A. Pierson.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	J. Lowe, D. L. Farr.
Thessalonica.	"	Hugh Queen, H. Rhodes.
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	Adam Torrence, Jabez Cashron.
Bethlehem.	Burke.	John Souther.
Gun Powder.	"	Hiram Clark.
1883.		
Head Yadkin.	Wilkes.	Wm. Cotterell, J. Craig, D. Coffey.
Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	A. Webb, W. Fortune, L. Deck.
Bills Creek.	" "	S. J. Bruce, A. Green, I. Ledbetter.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	W. R. chards, Jno. Badgett, H. Howard.
Lower Creek.	Burke.	J. T. Sherrel, P. Powell.
Silver Creek.	"	William Humphress.
Head 1st. B. R.	Rutherford.	J. C. Grayson, E. Hunt, J. Roaker.
Union.	Burke.	A. West, W. Shell.

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Kings Creek.	Wilkes.	B. Beach, W. Bradley, B. Kirby, E. Story.
Mountain Creek.	Rutherford.	H. W. Patterson, W. Johnson.
Big Spring.	" "	No Return.
Globe.	Burke.	D. Moore, J. Gilbert, R. Coffey.
Bethel.	" "	D. Hicks, M. Hall, Z. Blackwell.
Mt. Rhuama.	Lincoln.	No Return.
Antioch.	Burke.	A. Letter.
North Catawba.	" "	Thom. Craig, William Bradshaw.
Smyrna.	" "	Thomas Carlton, John A. Pearson.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	D. L. Farr, Randolph Barnett.
Thessalonica.	" "	H. Quinn, J. Clarke, H. Rhodes.
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	J. Lowe, A. Torrence, J. Cashion.
Bethlehem.	Burke.	Joseph Souther, John Souther.
Gun Powder.	" "	No Return.
Olivet.	Lincoln.	David Setzer.
Dover.	Burke.	S. Medlock, J. F. McCally.
1834.		
Head Yadkin.	Wilkes.	No Return.
Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	A. Webb, Leo. Dick, B. Jenkins.
Bills Creek.	" "	S. J. Bruce, J. U. Whiteside.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	Wm. Richards, H. Howard.
Lower Creek.	Burke.	P. Powell, J. Sherrell.
Silver Creek.	" "	J. Hall, W. Humphreys.
Head 1st. B. R.	Rutherford.	J. C. Grayson, E. Hunt.
Union.	Burke.	A. Letter.
Kings Creek.	Wilkes.	B. Beach, B. Kirby, Wm. Bradley.
Mountain Creek.	Rutherford.	H. W. Patterson, L. F. Cook, W. Johnson.
Big Spring.	" "	Wm. Price, E. Holleyfield.
Globe.	Burke.	J. Ridley, E. S. Moore, D. Moore.
Bethel.	" "	J. J. Harris.
Mt. Rhuama.	Lincoln.	G. Sterns, John Morris.
Antioch.	Burke.	W. Bandy, E. Clodfelder.
North Catawba.	" "	B. Austin.
Smyrna.	" "	(No Return) Thomas Craig.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	Thos. Carlton.
Thessalonica.	" "	D. L. Farr, R. Barnett.
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	H. Quinn, Jephtha Clark, W. Rodrick.
Bethlehem.	Burke.	J. Lowe, A. Torrence, J. Cashion.
Gun Powder.	" "	J. Noblet, A. Owenly.
Olivet.	Lincoln.	R. Freeman.
Dover.	Burke.	D. Setzer, T. Williams.
Union.	Lincoln.	George Barnes.
1835.		
Head Yadkin.	Wilkes.	A. Abernathy, R. P. Cloud.
Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	S. Curtis, W. Coffey, W. Cotterel.
Bills' Creek.	Do.	A. Webb, L. Deck, B. Jenkins.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	S. J. Bruce, A. Green, H. Poteat.
Lower Creek.	Burke.	W. Richards, H. Howard, N. Clure.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	P. Powell, J. Sherrell.
Hh. 1st. B. River.	Burke.	W. Humphreys.
Union.	Rutherford.	J. C. Grayson, E. Hunt.
Kings' Creek.	Burke.	J. Oxford, J. Blair.
M'tn. Creek.	Wilkes.	J. Carlton, W. Bradley, T. Knight, T. Carlton, Jr.
Big Spring.	Rutherford.	H. W. Patterson, W. Johnson.
Globe.	Do.	No Return.
Bethel.	Burke.	D. Moore, J. Moore, J. Ridley.
Mt. Rhuama.	Do.	G. Sterns.
Antioch.	Lincoln.	W. Bandy, E. Clodfelder, N. Wilson.
No. Catawba.	Burke.	J. Teague.
Smyrna.	Burke.	T. Craig, W. Bradshaw.
Sharon.	Do.	T. Carlton, E. Penley.
Thessalonica.	Lincoln.	D. L. Farr.
Rock River.	Lincoln.	(No Return) J. Clarke.
	Mecklenburg.	(No Return) J. Lowe.

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NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Bethlehem.	Burke.	L. Harris.
Gun Powder.	Burke.	H. Clarke, R. Freeman.
Olivet.	Lincoln.	A. Letter.
Dover.	Burke.	G. Barnes, R. Barnhill, W. Barnes,
Union.	Lincoln.	A. Abernathy.
Mt. Gilead.	Burke.	R. P. Cloud.
Macedonia.	Lincoln.	B. S. Kirby, R. Barnett.
1836.		
Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	A. Webb, J. Long.
Bills Creek.	" "	S. J. Bruce.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	W. Richards, J. Badget.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	W. Humphreys, John Hall.
Head 1st. B. R.	Rutherford.	J. C. Grayson, (No Return.)
Union.	Burke.	A. West.
Mountain Creek.	Rutherford.	H. W. Patterson, L. F. Cook, W. Johnston.
Big Spring.	" "	No. Return.
Globe.	Burke.	D. Moore.
Bethel.	" "	A. Letter.
Mt. Rnhama.	Lincoln.	N. Wilson, M. Kirksey.
Antioch.	Burke.	R. Teague, E. Teague.
North Catawba.	" "	T. Craig, W. Bradshaw, J. Bradshaw.
Smyrna.	" "	T. Carlton, John Scott.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	No. Return.
Thessalonica.	" "	J. Clark.
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	John Lowe.
Bethlehem.	Burke.	L. Harris, J. Noblet.
Sardis.	" "	R. Freeman, M. Cloere.
Olivet.	Lincoln.	D. Setser, J. Wolever.
Dover.	Burke.	No Return.
Union.	Lincoln.	A. Abernathy, M. Abbernathy.
Mt. Gilead.	Burke.	R. P. Cloud, D. Shoup.
Macedonia.	Lincoln.	B. S. Kirby, M. Delenger.
1837.		
Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	P. Fortune.
Bills Creek.	" "	J. Ledbetter, J. Poteat.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	W. Richards, H. Howard, S. Tanner.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	John Hall.
Head 1st. B. R.	Rutherford.	J. C. Grayson, D. Prewit.
Mountain Creek.	" "	H. W. Patterson, S. F. Cook, J. Rich, W. John-
Big Spring.	" "	E. Hollifield, J. Crowder. [ston.
Globe.	Burke.	L. Estes, Dan. Moore.
Bethel.	" "	J. Morris, G. Stearns.
North Catawba.	" "	T. Craig, W. Bradshaw, J. Bradshaw.
Smyrna.	" "	T. Carlton, E. Smith, M. Spainhower.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	No Return.
Thessalonica.	" "	J. Clark, W. Roderick, H. Rhodes.
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	A. Torrence.
Bethlehem.	Burke.	T. Davis, H. Justice.
Sardis.	" "	H. Clark.
Olivet.	Lincoln.	D. Setser.
Dover.	Burke.	W. Medlock, R. Barnhill; C. Livingston.
Union.	Lincoln.	A. Abbernathy.
Mt. Gilead.	Burke.	R. P. Cloud, J. Prewit, W. Prewit, J. H. Swof-
Macedonia.	Lincoln.	B. T. Kirby, M. Kirksey, N. Wilson. [ford.
1838.		
Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	A. Biggerstaff, P. Fortune.
Bills Creek.	" "	J. Ledbetter, B. Ledbetter.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	W. Richards, J. Badgett, H. E. Loller.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	John Hall.
Head 1st. B. R.	Rutherford.	J. C. Grayson, D. Pruett.
	" "	W. Johnston, T. Edwards, G. Taylor.
Mountain Creek.	" "	H. W. Patterson, S. F. Cook, J. Rich.
Big Spring.	" "	J. Crowder, E. Holyfield, W. S. Prell, J. Fox.
Globe.	Burke.	D. Moore.

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Bethel.	"	J. Morris, W. Hogan.
North Catawba.	"	T. Craig, W. Bradshaw, J. Bradshaw.
Smyrna.	"	T. Carlton, J. F. McCall, W. Carroll.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	No Return.
Thessalonica.	"	J. Clark, S. Tucker.
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	A. Letter.
Bethlehem.	Burke.	Peter Vest.
Sardis.	"	R. Freeman.
Olivet.	Lincoln.	No Return.
Union.	"	A. Abernathy.
Mt. Gilead.	Burke.	R. P. Cloud, J. Prewit, W. Prewit.
Macedonia.	Lincoln.	B. T. Kirby, W. Bandy, W. N. Dellinger.
1839.		Total number of members 732.
Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	W. Toney.
Bills Creek.	" "	H. W. Patterson.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	H. E. Lollar, H. Howard.
		W. Richards, W. Swanson.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	John Hall.
Head 1st. B. R.	Rutherford.	J. C. Grayson, L. McCurry, D. Prewit.
Mountain Creek.	" "	L. F. Cook, D. Rich, J. Rich, W. Rooker.
Big Spring.	" "	J. Crowder, E. Holyfield.
Bethel.	Burke.	A. Mason, J. Morris.
Mt. Rhuama.	Lincoln.	W. Bandy.
North Catawba.	Burke.	T. Craig, W. Bradshaw.
Smyrna.	"	T. Carlton, W. Carroll, W. Moody.
		H. Spainhower.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	A. Letter.
Thessalonica.	"	H. Reap, S. Tucker.
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	A. Letter.
Sardis.	Burke.	R. Freeman.
Olivet.	Lincoln.	D. Setzer.
Union.	"	A. Abbernathy.
Mt. Gilead.	Burke.	R. P. Cloud, J. Prnett, W. Pruett.
Macedonia.	Lincoln.	B. T. Kirby, J. Clark.
Montford Cove.	Rutherford.	W. Hill, J. Ledbetter, J. Pruett.
Globe.	Burke.	D. Moore.
1840.		
Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	W. Toney.
Bills Creek.	" "	H. Patterson, J. Whiteside, N. Whiteside.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	W. Richards, W. P. Swanson, E. Ingram.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	A. P. Pain.
Head 1st. B. R.	Rutherford.	J. C. Grayson, L. McCurry, J. M. Melton.
Mountain Creek.	" "	J. Taylor, N. M. Metcall.
Big Spring.	" "	J. Crowder, W. Davis.
Bethel.	Burke.	M. Real.
Mt. Rhuama.	Lincoln.	W. Bandy, J. Sherrel, A. G. Bandy.
North Catawba.	Burke.	No Return.
Smyrna.	"	T. Carlton, W. Carroll, M. Spainhower.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	A. Dellinger, N. Abernathy, M. J. Abernathy.
Thessalonica.	"	H. Rhodes.
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	A. Letter.
Sardis.	Burke.	R. Freeman, M. Clier.
Olivet.	Lincoln.	T. Williams, M. Jones, J. Gilleland.
Union.	"	A. Abernathy.
Mt. Gilead.	Burke.	No Return.
Macedonia.	Lincoln.	B. T. Kirby, J. Clark, J. Barnet, J. Powell.
Montsforde Cove.	Rutherford.	A. Letter.
Globe.	Burke.	No Return.
Round Hill.	Rutherford.	W. Johnston, D. Morgan.
Mt. Vernon.	Lincoln.	W. R. Simons, J. Leatherman.
Pisgah.	Rutherford.	M. Wright, P. Buff.
1841.		
Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	T. Davis.

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NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Bill's Creek.
New Bethany.
Silver Creek.
Head 1st. B. River.
M't'n. Creek.
Big Spring.
Bethel.
Mt. Rhuham.
North Catawba.
Smyrna.
Sharon.
Thessalonica.
Rocky River.
Sardis.
Olivet.
Union.
Mt. Gilead.
Macedonia.
Mountfords Cove.
Globe.
Round Hill.
Mount Vernon.
Pisgah.

1842.

" "
Iredell.
Burke.
Rutherford.
" "
" "
Burke.
Lincoln.
Burke.
" "
Lincoln.
" "
Mecklenburg.
Caldwell.
Catawba.
Burke.
" "
Lincoln.
Rutherford.
Caldwell.
Rutherford.
Lincoln.
Burke.

J. T. Lewis, B. Ledbetter.
S. Danner, H. E. Lollar.
No Return.
J. C. Grayson, L. McCurry.
J. B'anton.
J. Forbers.
Wade Hill, W. M. Allen.
W. Bandy, W. Abrams.
T. Craig, W. Smith.
Wm. Carroll, S. M. Spainhower.
N. Abernathy, James Abernathy.
Wm. Roderrick, Henry Reass.
R. Freeman, E. Craig.
David Setzer.
A. Abernathy, M. Abernathy.
David Setzer, R. Rockett.
R. Barnett, J. Sherrill.
—
Micajah Hall.
L. Estes.
J. Leatherman, W. R. Simmons.
—
J. Bumgarner, P. Buff.

There was no statistical table, for 1842, showing by whom the different Churches were represented.

1843.

New Bethany.
Silver Creek.
Mt. Rhuham.
North Catawba.
Smyrna.

Iredell.
Burke.
Catawba,
Burke.
"

John Badget, E. Lollar.
David Rich, W. Epley, A. Epley.
W. Bandy, A. G. Bandy.
J. Bradshaw, B. H. Martin.
T. Carlton, P. Warlick, William Carroll.

Sharon.
Thessalonica.
Rocky River.
Olivet.
Union.

Lincoln.
"
Mecklenburg.
Catawba,
Burke.

Henry Rhodes, Henry Reap.
No Return.
D. Setzer, T. Williams, Wm. Brown,
A. Abernathy, M. G. Abernathy.
Simeon Barger.

Mt. Glead.
Macedonia.
Globe.
Mt. Vernon.
Philadelphia.

Catawba.
Caldwell.
Catawba.
Caldwell.

B. T. Kirby, J. Clark, R. Barrett.
Daniel Moore.
W. Williams, John Leatherman.
T. Craig, T. Craig, jr.

1844.

New Bethany.
Silver Creek.
Mt. Rhuham.
North Catawba.
Smyrna.
Sharon.
Thessalonica.
Rocky River.
Olivet.
Union.
Mt. Glead.
Macedonia.
Globe.
Mt. Vernon.
Philadelphia.
St. John.

Iredell.
Burke.
Lincoln.
Burke.
"
Lincoln.
"
Mecklenburg.
Catawba.
Lincoln.
Burke.
Catawba.
Caldwell.
Catawba.
Caldwell.
Burke.

R. H. Carscaden, J. Badgett, H. Howard.
D. Rich, W. Humpheys, E. Holyfield.
W. Bandy, A. G. Band.
J. Bradshaw, W. Bradshaw, A. Craig.
T. Carlton, P. Warlick, M. Spainhower.
No Return.
H. Rhodes.
No Return.
D. Setzer.
A. Abernathy, S. Barger.
A. Letter.
C. Abernathy, Jas. Abernathy.
J. Gilbert, D. Moore.
M. Williams, J. E. Leatherman.
T. Craig, T. Craig, jr.
A. Hildebrand, Joshua Tallent.

1845.

New Bethany

Iredell

R. H. Carscaden, H. Howard,

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NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Silver Creek.	Burke.	E. Holyfield, J. Bartlett, A. Epley.
Mt. Rhuhama.	Catawba.	Wm. Bandy, A. G. Bany.
North Catawba.	Burke.	W. Bradshaw, J. Bradshaw, A. Craig.
Smymna.	"	T. Carlton, M. Spainhower.
Sharon.	Mecklenburg.	"
Thessalonica.	Catawba.	"
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	"
Olivet.	Catawba.	Miles Jones.
Union.	Burke.	A. Abernathy, Simeon Barger.
Mt. Gilead.	"	No Return.
Macedonia.	Catawba.	Letter, per James Favelle.
Globe.	Caldwell.	L. Estes, David Moore.
Mt. Vernon.	Catawba.	Millington Williams.
Philadelphia.	Caldwell.	T. Crag, J. Craig, H. Craig.
St. John.	Burke.	R. P. Cloud, A. Hilderbrand, J. Tallent.

1847.

New Bethany.	Iredell.	R. S. Carskadon, J. Badgett.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	Jos. Reaves, A. Epley, J. Bartlett.
Mt. Rhuhama.	Catawba.	Wm. Bandy, John Bumgarner.
North Catawba.	Burke.	W. Bradshaw, J. Bradshaw, S. Craig.
Smymna.	"	T. Carlton, P. Warlich, W. Carroll.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	
Thessalonica.	"	Henry Rhodes.
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	
Olivet.	Catawba.	Miles Jones.
Union.	Burke.	A. Abernathy, Simeon Barger.
Mt. Gilead.	"	J. Clark.
Macedonia.	Catawba.	John Headspeth.
Globe.	Caldwell.	D. Moore, Carrol Moore, L. Estes.
Mt. Vernon.	Catawba.	No Return.
Philadelphia.	Caldwell.	T. Craig, J. Craig.
St. John.	Burke.	N. Return.

1848.

New Bethany.	Iredell.	Samuel Danner, H. Howard.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	D. P. Rich, J. Bartlett, A. Epley.
Mt. Rhuhama.	Catawba.	Wm. Bandy, A. J. Bandy.
North Catawba.	"	H. Smith, W. Bradshaw, James Bradshaw.
Union.	Burke.	A. Abernathy, Simeon Barger.
Globe.	Caldwell.	Job Moore, David Moore.
		Allen Craig.
Mt. Vernon.	Lincoln.	W. Weason, J. H. Leatherman.
		M. Williams.
St. John.	Burke.	A. Hildebrand.
Rock Spring.	Caldwell.	W. D. Holden, E. Chambers.
Philadelphia.	"	T. Craig, T. Craig, jr.
Smymna.	Burke.	P. Warlich, M. Spainhower, T. Carlton.

Sharon.	Lincoln.	
Thessalonica.	Lincoln.	
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	

1849.

New Bethany.	Iredell.	John Badgett, Hugh Howard.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	Andrew Epley, Willis Epley.
North Catawba.	"	William Bradshaw.
Union.	"	A. Abernathy, S. Barger.
Globe.	Caldwell.	Job Moore, William Edmundson.
St. John.	Burke.	A. Heldebrand, Jesse Hudson.
Rocky Spring.	Caldwell.	R. H. Moody, Daniel Coffey, William Carroll.
Philadelphia.	"	Thomas Craig, James Craig.
Smymna.	Burke.	T. Carlton, P. Warlich, M. Spainhower.
Thessalonica.	Lincoln.	William Roderick.
Olivet.	Catawba.	Daniel Setzer.
Macedonia.	Lincoln.	Mathew Kirksey.
St. John.	"	M. Williams, T. Davis, William Weason.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
Mt. Ruhuama. Rocky River. 1850.	Catawba. Mecklenburg.	William Bandy. No Return.
New Bethany. North Catawba. Globe. Rocky Spring. Philadelphia. Smyrna. Silver Creek. Sharon. Thessalonica. Olivet. Union. Mt. Gilead. Mt. Vernon. 1851.	Iredell. Burke. Caldwell. " " Burke. " Catawba. Lincoln. Catawba. Burke. Catawba. Burke.	J. Badgett, H. Howard, T. H. Erwin, A. L. Moore Henry Smith. L. Estes, D. Moore, Jesse Moore. E. Chambers, D. Coffey, R. H. Moody. T. Craig, Henry Craig. T. Carlton, M. Spanhower, P. Warlich. Joseph Bartlett, Andrew Epley.
New Bethany. North Catawba. Globe. Rocky Spring. Philadelphia. Smyrna. Silver Creek. Mt. Ruhuama. Thessalonica. Olivet. Union. Mt. Vernon. St. John. 1852.	Iredell. Burke. Caldwell. " " Burke. " Catawba. Lincoln. Catawba. Burke. Catawba. Burke.	J. Badgett, H. E. Loller, A. Danner, T. Erwin. Wm. Bradshaw, S. Craig. D. Moore, C. Moore. R. H. Moody. T. Craig, H. Craig. T. Carlton, P. Warlich. A. Epley, William Rhodes. W. Bandy. William Roderich, H. Rhodes. D. Setzer, W. S. Litten, J. J. Clark. A. Abernathy, S. Barger. G. F. Johnson, D. Davis. A. Hildebrand.
New Bethany. North Catawba. Globe. Rocky Spring. Philadelphia. Smyrna. Silver Creek. Mt. Ruhuama. Thessalonica. Olivet. Union. St. John. Mt. Gilead. Providence. 1853.	Iredell. Burke. Caldwell. " " Burke. " Catawba. " " Burke. " Catawba.	J. Badgett, M. H. Erwin, H. Danner. W. Bradshaw, J. Bradshaw, S. Craig. David Moore, Carroll Moore. D. Coffey, W. Carroll, R. H. Moody. T. Craig, Henry Craig. T. Carlton, P. Warlich, J. Benfield. A. Epley, W. Rhodes, J. Bartlett. M. Kirksey, J. Drumm. No Delegates. J. Clark, William Litten. A. Abernathy, S. Barger, J. Johnson. [brand. A. Hildebrand, W. Stamey, A. Stamey, C. Hilde-
New Bethany. North Catawba. Globe. Rocky Spring. Philadelphia. Smyrna. Silver Creek. Mt. Ruhuama. Thessalonica. Olivet. Union. St. John. Mt. Gilead. Providence. Pieasant Hill. Pisgah. 1854.	Iredell. Burke. Caldwell. " " Burke. " Catawba. Lincoln. Catawba. Burke. " Catawba. Burke. Catawba.	F. Danner. W. Bradshaw, D. W. Conway, S. S. McCally, Jesse Moore, Carroll Moore. [J. Bradshaw. William Carroll, R. H. Moody. T. Craig, J. Craig. T. Carlton, P. Warlich, J. Benfield. J. Bartlett, W. Epley, J. Hall, A. Epley. S. M. Kirksey, A. Bumgarner, J. Bumgarner, No Return. D. Setzer, W. S. Litten. S. Barger, A. Abbe, A. Abernathy. W. Stamey, A. Hildebrand, C. Hildebrand, J. J. York. [Hudson. D. C. Cocheham, H. E. Loller, R. B. Jones. B. H. Hawkins, A. Denton, G. Chapman. Smith McCurry.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	J. Badgett, T. Erwin, F. Danner.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
North Catawba.	Caldwell.	William Bradshaw.
Smyrna.	Burke.	Thomas Carleton, P. Warlick.
Silver Creek.	"	No Return.
Mt. Rhuama.	Catawba.	J. Drum A. Bumgarner.
Thessalonica.	"	No Return.
Olivet.	"	J. Clark, W. L. Selten, W. Pool.
St. John.	Burke.	W. Stamey, C. Hilderbrand.
Mt. Gilead.	"	J. York, W. Chapman.
Providence.	Catawba.	R. B. Jones, J. Walden, H. E. Loller.
Pleasant Hill.	Burke.	H. B. Hawkins.
Pisgah.	"	W. Wright.
Zion.	"	J. Benfield, L. M. Benfield.
Jerusalem.	Caldwell.	James Berry, R. H. Moody.
1855.		
New Bethany.	Iredell.	F. Danner and J. Ingram.
North Catawba.	Burke.	J. Bradshaw, W. Bradshaw, W. Bean, E. Bradshaw, S. Craig.
Smyrna.	Burke.	T. Carlton, P. Warlick, J. B. Marler.
S. Creek.	"	W. Epley, J. Hall.
Mt. Rhuama.	Catawba.	J. Bumgarner, J. Caldwell.
Thessalonica.	Lincoln.	
St. John.	Burke.	A. Hilderbrand, W. Stamey.
Mt. Gilead.	"	J. Tallent, G. Smith.
Providence.	Catawba.	R. B. Jones.
Pleasant Hill.	Burke.	H. B. Hawkins, G. Chapman.
Pisgah.	Cleveland.	No Return.
Zion.	Burke.	J. Benfield, E. Whisenant.
Jerusalem.	Caldwell.	R. H. Moody, J. R. Sherrell, James Berry.
Globe.	"	J. Moore, Jesse Moore, J. Estes.
Rocky Spring.	"	No Return.
Brunington.	Gaston.	W. B. Lay, M. Hoffman.
1856.		
North Catawba.	Burke.	W. Bradshaw, D. Martin.
Smyrna.	"	T. Carlton, J. S. Parks, J. B. Marler.
Thessalonica.	"	William Rhoderich.
Providence.	Catawba.	D. C. Cocherham, P. Warlick, H. Loller.
Mt. Gilead.	Burke.	J. York and J. York.
Pleasant Hill.	"	G. Smith, J. Bumgarner.
Pisgah.	"	Jesses Tallent.
Zion.	"	J. Benfield, E. Whisenant, J. Whisenant.
Jerusalem.	Caldwell.	J. Sherrill.
Globe.	"	Job Moore, J. Prichard, Jesse Moore.
Rocky Spring.	"	Elijah Chambers.
Brunington.	Gaston.	R. B. Jones, C. Abernathy, G. W. Abernathy.
1857.		
North Catawba.	Burke.	W. Bradshaw, Jr., W. Bradshaw.
Smyrna.	"	T. Carlton, M. Spainhower, J. H. Spainhower.
Mt. Gilead.	"	J. York, J. Tallent.
Providence.	Catawba.	D. C. Cocherham, T. J. Hamilton, H. E. Lollar.
P. Hill.	Burke.	H. B. Hawkins.
Pisgah.	"	D. Wartman, M. Ross.
Zion.	"	J. Benfield, J. C. Carlton.
Globe.	Caldwell.	J. Moore, J. Prichard, W. Moore.
R. Spring.	"	Elijah Chambers.
Brunington.	Gaston.	C. Abernathy, G. Abernathy, G. Fite.
Mt. Rhuama.	Catawba.	J. Clark, A. Bumgarner, J. Drum.
1858.		
North Catawba.	Burke.	W. Bradshaw, E. Bradshaw, B. H. Martin.
Smyrna.	"	T. Carlton, M. Spainhower, J. H. Spainhower.
Mt. Gilead.	"	Wm. Johnson, Jackson York.
Providence.	Catawba.	D. C. Cocherham, P. Warlick, T. J. Hamilton.
Pleasant Hill.	Burke.	Henry Franklin, H. B. Hawkins.
Pisgah.	"	N. Priddy, Nicholas Hodge.
Zion.	"	J. C. Carlton.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
Globe.	Caldwell.	Joel Crisp, E Chambers.
R. Spring.	"	Job Moore, J Prichard, Jesse Moore.
Bruington.	Gaston.	W B Lay, Miles Hoffman.
Mt. Ruhuama.	Catawba.	J Clark.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	Pinkney Howard.
Bethlehem.	Burke.	N Harrison, R Harrison.
1859.		
North Catawba.	Burke.	W Bradshaw, E B a lshaw.
Smyrna.	"	T Carlton, R Patton, J S Parks.
Mt. Gilead.	"	No Return.
Providence.	Catawba.	D C Cocherham.
Pleasant Hill.	Burke.	S E Potete, H Franklin, H B Hawkins.
Pisgah.	"	D Wortman.
Zion.	"	J Brumfield, J C Carlton, W Whisenant.
Globe.	Caldwell.	Job Moore.
R. Spring.	"	E Chambers, J. Crisp, D. Coffey.
Bruington.	Gaston.	W B Lay.
Mt. Ruhuama.	Catawba.	J Clark.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	T H Erwin, H B Erwin, N Ingram.
Bethlehem.	Caldwell.	J Harrison, N Harrison.
1862.		
North Catawba.	Burke.	No Return.
Smyrna.	"	M Spainhower, S Parks, J Thomson.
Mt. Gilead.	"	H Smith, James York and James York.
Providence.	Catawba.	G J Wilkie, J Wilson.
Pleasant Hill.	Burke.	S E Potete, J R Denton, M D Brittain.
Pisgah.	Cleaveland.	John Bunnager, J M Roderich.
Zion.	Burke.	J Patton, T Carlton, J Benfield.
R. Spring.	Caldwell.	E Chambers, R H Moody. [son.
Bruington.	Gaston.	M Hoffman, W B Lay, C H Abernathy, J Wil-
Mt. Ruhuama.	Catawba.	J Brumfield, J Clark.
Union.	Burke.	P Warlick.
1863.		
North Catawba.	Burke.	No Return.
Smyrna.	"	M Spainhower.
Mt. Gilead.	"	No Return.
Providence.	Catawba.	D C Cocherham, G J Wilkie.
R. Spring.	Caldwell.	J Wilson, F Danner.
Bruington.	Gaston.	R H Moody, Chambers.
Mt. Ruhuama.	Catawba.	A J Cansler, M Hoffman.
Union 1st.	Burke.	J F Wilson, H Padget, P J Sellers J Crenshaw,
Union 2nd.	Gaston.	John Stone, F A Hawkins.
Long Creek.	"	J Brumfield, J Clark.
1864.		
North Catawba.	Burke.	Phillip Warlick.
Smyrna.	"	Elijah Smith.
Mt. Gilead.	"	C C Withers, R Holland, A A Rhyne.
Providence.	Catawba.	Wm. Withers, J G Lewis.
Pisgah.	Burke.	E H Withers.
Pleasant Hill.	"	No Return.
Zion.	"	No Return.
R. Spring.	Caldwell.	R. H. Moody.
Bruington.	Gaston.	A J Cansler, G S Fite, D Rhyne.
Mt. Ruhuama.	Catawba.	E H Abernathy, J Thornburg, F H Hawkins,
Union.	Burke.	J P Sellers, Jesse Lay.
		J Clark, J Brumfield.
		E A Poe and P Warlick.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
Long Creek.	Gaston.	H Jenkins, J G Lewis, R Holland, W Withers, C C Withers, J C Smith. W C Withers.
Union 2nd.	Gaston.	C A Featherston, J W Smith.
Salem.	Lincoln.	W B Abernathy, M Abernathy.
1865.		
North Catawba.	Burke.	D W Conway, D A Griffon.
Smyrna.	"	R A Spainhower.
Mt. Gilead.	"	N L Chapman, M Wright.
Providence.	Catawba.	G J Wilkie, D C Cochran. H E Lollar, T Bridges.
Pisgah.	Burke.	Lewis Downs, W R Chapman.
Pleasant Hill.	"	M D Brittain, J R Denton.
Zion.	"	Robt. Patton, Logan Patton.
R. Spring.	Caldwell.	R H Moody, J D Moore, W Carrell.
Bruington.	Gaston.	A J Cansler, M Hoffman and Joseph Creasman.
Mt. Rhuhama.	Catawba.	A Bumgarner, Wm Caldwell.
Union 1st.	Burke.	E A Poe, P Warlick, A S Cloud.
Long Creek.	Gaston.	J Brumfield, J G Lewis and E H Withers.
Union 2nd.	"	W G Warren.
St. John.	Burke.	A Hilderbrand, J Hudson.
Salem.	Lincoln.	B Stroup, M Abernathy and W Moore.
1866.		
North Catawba.	Burke.	J H Corpening, A E Berry and D A Griffon.
Smyrna.	"	W P Hemphill.
Mt. Gilead.	"	W Chapman, B Hall, P Leyl and J York.
Providence.	Catawba.	G J Wilkie and J S Bridgers.
Pisgah.	Burke.	N Pruett and J W Hallender.
Pleasant Hill.	"	S E Potet and J Mull.
Zion.	"	W A Benfield and L Whisnant.
R. Spring.	Caldwell.	R H Moody and I B Coffey.
Bruington.	Gaston.	A J Cansler, G C Rhyne. G S Fite, J F Wilson. M Hoffman, W B Lay. A Cathey and R W Spurrier.
Mt. Rhuhama.		J Clark, G Caldwell, J W Kirksey.
Union 1st.	Burke.	E A Poe and P Warlick.
Long Creek.	Gaston.	J Brumfield and J G Lewis.
Union 2nd.	"	Elijah Smith. [derbrand.
St. John.	Burke.	A Hilderbrand, A Stamey, P Burns, J M Hil-
Salem.		B Stroup, J Black, M Abernathy.
Lebanon.	Lincoln.	H E Caldwell.
Union 3rd.	Burke.	J Bumgarner, J A Propes and J Cook.

BAPTISMS.

CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	Total.	CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	Total
1827.					
Head Yadkin.	0	39	Mt. Creek.	0	95
Ebenezer.	0	45	Big Spring.	0	20
Bills Creek.	0	56	Bethel.	6	27
New Bethany.	0	19	Globe.	0	42
L. Creek.	0	42	Mt. Ruhuama.	11	45
Head B. R.	0	66	Antioch.	1	25
Union.	0	60	North Catawba.	0	31
Kings Creek.	0	103	Smyrna.	2	30
Mt. Creek.	0	54	Sharon.	0	21
Big Spring.	0	26	Thessalonica.	0	10
Globe.	1	30	1831.		
Bethel.	0	13	Head Yadkin.	5	44
Mt. Ruhuama.	0	00	Ebenezer.	2	58
Silver Creek.	0	19	Bills Creek.	9	81
1828.			New Bethany.	0	13
Head Yadkin.	1	34	Lower Creek.	0	41
Ebenezer.	5	49	Silver Creek.	0	10
Bills Creek.	13	70	Head 1st. B. R.	0	62
New Bethany.	0	19	Union.	0	20
Lower Creek.	2	43	Kings Creek.	5	92
Silver Creek.	0	17	Mt'n Creek.	2	95
Head 1st. B.	1	74	Big Spring.	0	10
Union.	0	26	Globe.	3	43
Kings Creek.	0	95	Bethel.	8	43
Mt. Creek.	11	67	Mt. Ruhuama.	13	56
Big Spring.	0	20	Antioch.	0	25
Globe.	5	36	North Catawba.	0	31
Bethel.	6	15	Smyrna.	4	32
Mt. Ruhuama.	11	68	Sharon.	22	50
1829.			Thessalonica.	2	11
Head Yadkin.	2	45	1832.		
Ebenezer.	5	58	Head Yadkin.	1	31
Bills Creek.	11	73	Ebenezer.	9	67
New Bethany.	0	16	Bills Creek.	3	54
Lower Creek.	2	47	New Bethany.	0	12
Silver Creek.	5	20	Lower Creek.	2	41
Head 1st. Broad.	0	67	Silver Creek.	0	9
Union.	0	21	Head 1st. B. R.	0	59
Kings Creek.	0	92	Union.	2	19
Mt. Creek.	4	70	Kings Creek.	47	144
Big Spring.	0	20	Mt'n. Creek.	4	95
Globe.	5	42	Big Spring.	0	11
Bethel.	3	18	Globe.	0	42
Mt. Ruhuama.	5	67	Bethel.	5	41
Antioch.	0	31	Mt. Ruhuama.	5	31
North Catawba.	5	31	Antioch.	0	21
Smyrna.	0	29	North Catawba.	0	30
1830.			Smyrna.	1	36
Head Yadkin.	0	45	Sharon.	5	31
Ebenezer.	5	57	Thessalonica.	0	12
Bills Creek.	0	75	Rocky River.	0	26
New Bethany.	2	17	Bethlehem.	0	26
Lower Creek.	0	46	Gunpowder Creek.	0	15
Silver Creek.	0	20	1833.		
Head 1st. B. R.	1	60	Head Yadkin.	6	35
Union.	6	20	Ebenezer.	8	77
Kings Creek.	6	94	Bills Creek.	3	64

CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	Total.	CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	Total.
New Bethany.	0	12	Smyrna.	1	27
Lower Creek.	6	46	Sharon.	2	22
Silver Creek.	0	10	Thessalonica.	0	19
Head 1st. B. R.	1	38	Rock River.	0	26
Union.	0	16	Bethlehem.	2	21
Kings Creek.	42	167	Gun Powder.	4	21
Mountain Creek.	16	111	Olivet.	1	18
Big Spring.	0	11	Dover.	8	51
Globe.	20	61	Union.	0	20
Bethel.	3	45	Mt. Gilead.	0	32
Mt. Rhuama.	0	32	Macedonia.	0	25
Antioch.	0	17	1836.		
North Catawba.	3	30	Ebenezer.	2	74
Smyrna.	0	31	Bills Creek.	6	77
Sharon.	8	29	New Bethany.	0	14
Thessalonica.	3	16	Silver Creek.	0	10
Rocky River.	1	27	Head 1st. B. R.	-	34
Bethlehem.	3	82	Union.	3	24
Gun Powder.	0	15	Mountain Creek.	1	84
Olivet.	0	17	Big Spring.	-	12
Dover.	0	34	Globe.	0	47
1834.			Bethel.	1	54
Head Yadkin.	0	00	Mt. Rhuama.	4	19
Ebenezer.	3	76	Antioch.	38	61
Bills Creek.	4	70	North Catawba.	0	44
New Bethany.	2	14	Smyrna.	1	28
Lower Creek.	2	41	Sharon.	-	22
Silver Creek.	1	9	Thessalonica.	3	20
Head 1st. B. R.	7	41	Rocky River.	-	26
Union.	3	17	Bethlehem.	3	22
Kings Creek.	7	150	Sardis.	1	22
Mountain Creek.	7	78	Olivet.	2	15
Big Spring.	1	12	Dover.	-	51
Globe.	9	59	Union.	0	20
Bethel.	8	53	Mt. Gilead.	2	34
Mt. Rhuama.	0	15	Macedonia.	1	32
Antioch.	0	18	1837.		
North Catawba.	0	00	Ebenezer.	0	65
Smyrna.	1	23	Bills Creek.	1	64
Sharon.	0	34	New Bethany.	1	15
Thessalonica.	0	19	Silver Creek.	0	8
Rocky River.	0	26	Head 1st. B. R.	1	30
Bethlehem.	3	23	Mountain Creek.	4	92
Gun Powder.	0	15	Big Spring.	6	18
Olivet.	12	13	Globe.	0	41
Dover.	0	27	Bethel.	2	50
Union.	0	30	North Catawba.	0	42
1835.			Smyrna.	7	27
Head Yadkin.	3	34	Sharon.	0	22
Ebenezer.	2	74	Thessalonica.	5	27
Bills' Creek.	8	73	Rocky River.	0	26
New Bethany.	9	14	Bethlehem.	1	25
Lower Creek.	0	30	Sardis.	1	23
Silver Creek.	0	10	Olivet.	8	32
Hh. 1st. B. River.	1	34	Dover.	1	48
Union.	3	19	Union.	0	20
Kings' Creek.	5	135	Mt. Gilead.	2	35
M't'n. Creek.	11	87	Macedonia.	0	47
Big Spring.	0	12	1838.		
Globe.	3	52	Ebenezer.	2	74
Bethel.	3	54	Bills Creek.	3	65
Mt. Rhuama.	4	14	New Bethany.	0	10
Antioch.	3	27	Silver Creek.	6	36
No. Catawba.	1	43	Head 1st. B. R.	1	16

CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	Total.
Mountain Creek.	3	81
Big Spring.	1	17
Globe.	0	40
Bethel.	1	52
North Catawba.	0	41
Smyrna.	5	34
Sharon.	0	22
Thessalonica.	0	29
Rocky River.	0	29
Bethlehem.	0	23
Sardis.	0	25
Olivet.	0	22
Union.	2	22
Mt. Gilead.	5	40
Macedonia.	12	63
1839.		
Ebenezer.	3	57
Bills Creek.	21	76
New Bethany.	0	16
Silver Creek.	2	19
Head 1st. B. R.	0	39
Mountain Creek.	13	84
Big Spring.	0	18
Bethel.	4	57
Mt. Rhuhamah.	4	20
North Catawba.	0	40
Smyrna.	1	33
Sharon.	5	18
Thessalonica.	3	32
Rocky River.	1	30
Sardis.	0	25
Olivet.	0	22
Union.	0	19
Mt. Gilead.	28	63
Macedonia.	7	41
Montford Cove.	0	20
Globe.	0	40
1840.		
Ebenezer.	0	57
Bills Creek.	12	80
New Bethany.	1	16
Silver Creek.	0	22
Head 1st. B. R.	4	32
Mountain Creek.	3	73
Big Spring.	0	14
Bethel.	1	56
Mt. Rhuhamah.	1	24
North Catawba.	0	00
Smyrna.	0	29
Sharon.	1	41
Thessalonica.	0	25
Rocky River.	1	27
Sardis.	3	21
Olivet.	2	24
Union.	0	19
Mt. Gilead.	0	00
Macedonia.	0	33
Montfords Cove.	7	23
Globe.	0	00
Round Hill.	1	28
Mt. Vernon.	1	14
Pisgah.	0	13
1841.		
Ebenezer.	6	63
Bills Creek.	11	91

CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	Total.
New Bethany.	00	16
Silver Creek.	00	22
Head 1st. B. River.	2	34
M't'n. Creek.	3	76
Big Spring.	00	14
Bethel.	3	59
Mt. Rhuhamah.	1	25
North Catawba.	2	42
Smyrna.	00	29
Sharon.	4	41
Thessalonica.	1	26
Rocky River.	0	27
Sardis.	1	22
Olivet.	0	24
Union.	2	21
Mt. Gilead.	00	21
Macedonia.	1	34
Montfords Cove.	1	24
Globe.	00	50
Round Hill.	2	30
Mount Vernon.	00	14
Pisgah.	3	13
1843.		
New Bethany.	00	11
Silver Creek.	8	31
Mt. Rhuhamah.	0	23
North Catawba.	0	30
Smyrna.	8	36
Sharon.	0	21
Thessalonica.	2	25
Rocky River.	0	28
Olivet.	0	31
Union.	0	29
Mt. Gilead.	1	21
Macedonia.	1	19
Globe.	0	00
Mt. Vernon.	0	00
Philadelphia.	0	00
1844.		
New Bethany.	3	12
Silver Creek.	0	29
Mt. Rhuhamah.	1	22
North Catawba.	5	30
Smyrna.	0	40
Sharon.	0	0
Thessalonica.	0	15
Rocky River.	5	0
Olivet.	2	30
Union.	0	29
Mt. Gilead.		0
Macedonia.	0	19
Globe.	2	30
Mt. Vernon.	0	17
Philadelphia.	0	17
St. John.	0	25
1846.		
New Bethany.	0	11
Silver Creek.	0	34
Mt. Rhuhamah.	0	16
North Catawba.	2	30
Smyrna.	0	37
Sharon.	0	00
Thessalonica.	0	00
Rocky River.	0	00
Olivet.	1	34

CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	Total.
Union.	1	34
Mt. Gilead.	0	02
Macedonia.	11	33
Globe.	17	50
Mt. Vernon.	0	17
Philadelphia.	0	13
St. John.	2	25
1847.		
New Bethany.	0	9
Silver Creek.	0	34
Mt. Rhuhama.	0	15
North Catawba.	0	33
Smyrna.	0	36
Sharon.	0	00
Thessalonica.	0	14
Rocky River.	0	00
Olivet.	0	30
Union.	0	26
Mt. Gilead.	0	00
Macedonia.	0	20
Globe.	0	47
Mt. Vernon.	0	00
Philadelphia.	0	0
St. John.	0	0
1848.		
New Bethany.	2	11
Silver Creek.	0	29
Mt. Rhuhama.	0	14
North Catawba.	0	27
Union.	0	24
Globe.	3	46
Mt. Vernon.	0	15
St. John.	1	23
Rock Spring.	0	27
Philadelphia.	4	17
Smyrna.	0	30
Sharon.	0	00
Thessalonica.	0	00
Rocky River.	0	00
1849.		
New Bethany.	5	14
Silver Creek.	0	29
North Catawba.	0	27
Union.	0	29
Globe.	1	42
St. John.	3	25
Rocky Spring.	0	30
Philadelphia.	0	17
Smyrna.	0	27
Thessalonica.	0	12
Olivet.	2	22
Macedonia.	2	24
Mt. Vernon.	0	16
Mt. Rhuhama.	1	17
Rocky River.	0	00
1850.		
New Bethany.	61	72
North Catawba.	00	27
Globe.	1	45
Rocky Spring.	0	24
Philadelphia.	0	18
Smyrna.	1	26
Silver Creek.	0	27
Mt. Rhuhama.	0	00

CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	TOTAL.
Sharon.	0	00
Thessalonica.	0	00
Olivet.	0	00
Union.	0	00
Mt. Gilead.	0	00
Mt. Vernon.	0	00
1851.		
New Bethany.	1	74
North Catawba.	45	73
Globe.	1	46
Rocky Spring.	3	24
Philadelphia.	1	20
Smyrna.	1	27
Silver Creek.	2	27
Mt. Rhuhama.	8	28
Thessalonica.	0	11
Olivet.	0	30
Union.	11	32
Mt. Vernon.	5	35
St. John.	3	21
Macedonia.	0	00
1852.		
New Bethany.	1	72
North Catawba.	5	71
Globe.	0	47
Rocky Spring.	00	22
Philadelphia.	00	18
Smyrna.	9	36
Silver Creek.	1	27
Mt. Rhuhama.	1	37
Thessalonica.	9	00
Olivet.	0	30
Union.	12	49
St. John.	15	49
Providence.	24	52
1853.		
New Bethany.	0	66
North Catawba.	4	73
Globe.	0	39
Rocky Spring.	0	20
Philadelphia.	0	20
Smyrna.	13	46
Silver Creek.	4	28
Mt. Rhuhama.	0	37
Thessalonica.	10	48
Olivet.	4	53
Union.	6	47
St. John.	0	30
Mt. Gilead.	10	20
Providence.	0	00
Pleasant Hill.	0	00
Pisgah.	0	00
1854.		
New Bethany.	0	64
North Catawba.	23	86
Smyrna.	1	30
Silver Creek.	0	
Mt. Rhuhama.	0	29
Thessalonica.		
Olivet.	4	56
St. John.	0	45
Mt. Gilead.	1	30
Providence.	5	26
Pleasant Hill.	2	78

CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	Total.
Pisgah.	2	28
Zion.	0	15
Jerusalem.	0	9
1855.		
North Catawba.	1	77
Smyrna.	0	31
Thessalonica.	0	60
Mt. Gilead.	0	21
Providence.	2	34
Pleasant Hill.	3	28
Pisgah.	0	26
Zion.	3	15
Jerusalem.	0	7
Globe.	4	22
Rocky Spring.	0	12
Bruington.	15	79
1856.		
North Catawba.	1	77
Smyrna.	0	31
Thessalonica.	0	60
Providence.	0	21
Mt. Gilead.	2	31
Pleasant Hill.	3	28
Pisgah.	0	26
Zion.	3	15
Jerusalem.	0	7
Globe.	4	22
Rocky Spring.	0	12
Bruington.	15	79
1857.		
North Catawba.	4	81
Smyrna.	0	27
Mt. Gilead.	4	23
Providence.	2	34
P. Hill.	4	34
Pisgah.	0	24
Zion.	0	16
Globe.	3	25
R. Spring.	1	14
Bruington.	0	76
Mt. Rhuhamah.	0	30
1858.		
North Catawba.	2	72
Smyrna.	2	27
Mt. Gilead.	0	26
Providence.		36
Pleasant Hill.		34
Pisgah.		23
Zion.		16
Globe.		26
R. Spring.		14
Bruington.		74
Mt. Rhuhamah.		35
New Bethany.		33
Bethlehem.		19
Union.	0	0
1859.		
North Catawba.	1	67
Smyrna.	0	28
Mt. Gilead.		
Providence.	5	45
Pleasant Hill.	4	26
Pisgah.	1	23
Globe.	0	35

CHURCHES	B'p'd.	Total.
R. Spring.	0	17
Bethlehem.	6	18
Mt. Rhuhamah.	5	42
New Bethany.	58	82
Bethlehem.	1	19
Union.	1	20
Zion.	0	16
1862.		
North Catawba.	0	0
Smyrna.	0	33
Mt. Gilead.	2	23
Providence.	0	49
Pleasant Hill.	13	49
Pisgah.	0	35
Zion.	0	22
R. Spring.	0	20
Bruington.	95	184
Mt. Rhuhamah.	7	45
Union.		
1863.		
North Catawba.	0	75
Smyrna.	0	30
Mt. Gilead.	0	23
Providence.	6	52
Pisgah.	0	35
Pleasant Hill.	2	40
Zion.	14	35
R. Spring.	1	21
Bruington.	181	516
Mt. Rhuhamah.	13	60
Union 1st.	3	20
Long Creek.	110	213
Union 2nd.	45	62
1864.		
North Catawba.	0	75
Smyrna.	20	51
Mt. Gilead.	18	41
Providence.	14	60
Pisgah.	0	42
Pleasant Hill.	12	42
Zion.	8	50
R. Spring.	24	56
Bruington.	77	460
Mt. Rhuhamah.	37	100
Union 1st.	0	20
Long Creek.	36	505
Union 2nd.	20	52
Saltem.	27	113
St. John.		
1865.		
North Catawba.	23	78
Smyrna.	1	52
Mt. Gilead.	28	51
Providence.	24	85
Pisgah.	2	56
Pleasant Hill.	5	52
Zion.	7	41
Rocky Spring.	26	51
Bruington.	45	451
Mt. Rhuhamah.	2	55
Union 1st.	1	25
Long Creek.	10	312
Union 2nd.	12	104
St. John's.	26	80

CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	Total.
Salem.	28	127
1866.		
North Catawba.	25	98
Smyrna.	18	68
Mt. Gilead.	28	81
Providence.	18	108
Pasgah.	1	49
Peasant Hill.	62	115
Zion.	0	47
Rocky Spring.	4	95

CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	Total.
Bruington.	51	504
Mt. Rhuama.	19	108
Union 1st.	4	28
Long Creek.	55	370
Union 2nd.	15	119
St. John's.	83	156
Salem.	12	139
Lebanon.	2	53
Union 3rd.	0	28

MINUTES

Of the thirty-eighth Anniversary of the Catawba River Baptist Association, held with the Church, at Union second, Gaston County, N. C., October 11, 12, 13, 1867.

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached according to appointment, by R. H. Moody, from first cor. 15 and 59.
2. After a recess of 40 minutes, the delegates assembled in the House, and Elder G. J. Wilkie, was requested to take the chair until the Association was organized. Prayer by Elder W. Hill.
3. Read letters from the Churches, and minuted accounts transacted.
4. The Association was organized by the election of Elders E. A. Poe, Moderator ; and R. H. Moody, Sec.
5. Called for newly constituted Churches and received one by the name of Tuckaseege, and one by the name of New Prospect.
6. Appointed a Committee of Arrangements consisting of W. B. Lay, P. Warlick, J. Bumfield, with the Moderator and Clerk.
7. Called for Correspondence from Sister Associations ; and received Elder R. P. Logan, from Kings' Mountain ; from the United Baptist Association a letter, but no messenger ; from Green River, neither letter nor messenger.
8. Invited visiting Ministers, not delegates nor messengers, to seats with us. Elders W. Hill and T. K. Gaines, from Broad River, accepted the invitation.
9. Appointed C. C. Withers, W. G. Warren, H. W. Bridges, a Committee of Finance.
10. Appointed E. Chambers, M. Hoffman, B. Stroup, with the Pastor and delegates of this Church, a committee on Religious Exercises of the meeting, except Sabbath.
11. On motion, adjourned till Saturday, 9 o'clock. Prayer, by Elder R. P. Logan.
12. Saturday, met according to adjournment. Prayer, by Elder T. R. Gaines.
13. Called delegates names.
14. Read and adopted the Minutes of Friday.
15. The Committee of Arrangements reported and was discharged.
16. Read Rules of Order.
17. Appointed a Committee, whose reports will be found in their respective places in the minutes.
18. Appointed corresponding messengers ; to the United Baptist Association, E. Chambers, J. M. Hilderbrand, G. C. Rhyne, P. Warlick, E. A. Poe, and R. H. Moody ; to the Green River, R. H. Moody, J. W. Hullander ; to Kings's Mountain, W. B. Lay, G. C. Rhyne, E. A.

Poe, J. W. Hullander, J. M. Hilderbrand.

19. Agreed to hold the next session our Association with the Smyrna Church, Burke county, N. C., 12 miles north of Morganton, to commence on Friday before the second Sabbath in October, 1868.

20. Elder, E. A. Poe, to Preach the Introductory Sermon—to commence, at 11 o'clock, Friday. G. J. Wilkie, alternate.

21. Called for, and received the Historical Sketch prepared by Elder Poe, and appointed R. H. Moody, P. Warlick and M. Spainhower, a Committee to examine and have it printed with these Minutes.

22. Appointed Elder G. J. Wilkie to write a Circular Letter next year on Church Discipline.

23. Committee reported. Reports adopted, ordered to be printed and Committee discharged. Please read their reports and practice them.

24. Elected Elders T. R. Gaines, W. Hill and E. A. Poe, to preach on Sabbath, and agreed that the 11 o'clock sermon should be on the subject of missions and a collection taken for Foreign Missions.

25. The Treasurer of the Book Society reported \$3.75 worth of Books sold, \$16.85 ets. worth of books on hand.

26. On motion, authorized the Treasurer to give off all the six-and-a-quarter cent tracts to any person desiring them.

27. On motion agreed to allow the Treasurer to sell the rest of the Books at marked prices in currency.

28th. On motion, ordered the Clerk to superintend the printing of the Minutes, reserving five dollars for his services, and get as many Minutes printed as possible with the rest of the money and distribute them as usual.

29th. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this body are due, and hereby tendered to the Brethren and Sisters and friends, of this vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality during our meeting.

30. Adjourned to the time and place appointed. Prayer, by the Moderator.

E. A. POE, *Moderator*.

R. H. MOODY, *Sec*.

OBITUARY.

Died at his own residence in Burke County, August, 5th, 1867, after an illness of several weeks, Elder Thomas Carleton, aged eighty years and eighteen days, leaving a wife, not far from the same age, and three daughters to lament his death. Both his sons, who remained in N. C., having fallen in the late struggle for Southern independence. Elder Carleton, was a minister of some ability. He was much neglected, with regard to liberality at the hands of his brethren, but still his unyielded energy, and never failing industry, with the blessing of Heaven, procured to him a good living. He never failed to declare the blessed Bible doctrine, "Salvation by grace." His happy turn of mind, and pleasant conversation, gave him a kind reception around all our firesides. But now he is gone. The Lord has invited him up higher. His toiling and preaching are over. And we have reason to hope, that prayers and supplications with him, are turned into songs of praise, while "Everlasting joy is, and will forever be, upon his head." Brother Carleton joined the Smyrna church, April 1822. In 1825, he was liberated to exhort. In 1828 he was licensed to preach. In December, 1829 he was ordained to the full office of the Gospel Ministry, by a Presbytery consisting of Elders Reuben Coffey, Alfred Webb and Adam Corn. Nearly forty years contending for the truth, fighting

against error, and at last died trusting alone in the merit of Jesus for his Salvation. The Lord bless his remaining, surviving family.

R. H. MOODY.

SABBATH REPORT.

Your Committee on the Sabbath Schools take pleasure in the fact that several of our Churches report flourishing Sabbath Schools; but they fear, that the Ministers and Churches of this Association are sufficiently awake to the importance of this great work. The religious training of the children in our midst, is certainly a duty of great importance to Baptist. If our doctrine is more scriptural than those of any other denomination, it brings us under greater obligations to teach them to others, especially the young. There is no duty more natural and scriptural than that of training up our children in the way in which they should go. It is with the blessing of God best calculated to fill our Churches with good members, who will be lively stones in the House of God. It is the best mode of securing to the country good citizens, who shall be an honor to our race. The Sabbath School work finishes the needful employment to the members of our Churches, brings out the gifts of the Spirit, in teaching, prayer, exhortation and various other duties. The Sabbath School calls the Church together every Sabbath, and is thus fast bringing our Churches back to the practices of the Apostolic Churches—for they certainly meet every Sabbath for worship and instruction. We certainly ought to follow their example in all things. We recommend that a Missionary be appointed to labor in the bounds of this Association—and make it an important part of his work to organize and foster Sabbath Schools—and that Churches send up to each meeting of this body, Reports of the Sabbath School work and full statistics of each School. Respectfully submitted,

T. R. GAINES, *Chairman.*

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance would say, we believe, God has commanded his people to "be temperate in all things." Therefore, christians should abstain from all appearance of evil, using intoxicating liquors is evil, therefore, let it alone, as a beverage. By the use of spirituous liquors whole families are ruined in respect of earthly happiness and enjoyment.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. BUMFIELD, *Chairman.*

HOME MISSIONS.

We are still of the opinion that we as christians ought not to neglect to pray for more laborers to be sent into the vineyard, and endeavor to cultivate the entire destitution in our lands, and contribute of our means liberally for the accomplishments of this grand object.

W. B. LAY, *Chairman.*

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This is the cause of Christ, we confess it has been too much neglected by all christians and we earnestly desire that our Churches do more for the poor blinded heathens, in trying to send the Gospel to them in

its purity, not only by our prayers, but also by our contributions, for although, "the harvest is great, the laborers are few."

JAMES BUMFIELD.

Resolved, That we recommend the S. B. Theological Seminary at Greenville, S. C., to our Churches and young Ministers, as a school, where much needed information, which will better prepare young Ministers for greater usefulness in the great work of preaching the Gospel.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, Edited by Elder W. T. Walters, of Raleigh, N. C., as a paper eminently worthy of support. As it is the organ of the Baptist Churches in this State, we think, it should be upheld by our Churches—as I ought to be read by every Baptist in the State. We recommend, also, the *Religious Herald*, Edited by Elders Dickenson and Jeter, Richmond, Va., and the *Baptist*, Edited by J. R. Graves, of Memphis, Tennessee, as able exponent and defenders of Baptist principles. We recommend *Kind Words*, a Sunday School paper published by the Sabbath School Board of the S. B. Convention at Greenville, S. C., as a paper suited to our children and Sabbath Schools. The price of this paper is only 10 cts a year for twelve copies. Send \$1.00 to Elder C. C. Bitting, Greenville, S. C., and ten copies will be sent monthly.

CHURCHES.			STATE OF THE CHURCHES.										Contributions.	
CONSTITUTES.			MINISTERS AND DELEGATES NAMES.											
By whom Supplied.			Church Meeting's											
Post Offices.														
North Catawba.	Caldwell.	R H Moody	Collettsville.	E. Chambers, R. H. Moody.	2	2	1	0	13	0	5	80	\$ cts 1.50	
Rocky Spring.	Burke.	R H Moody	Morganton.	No Delegates.	1	0	1	0	3	0	1	65	2.80	
Swyana.	Burke.	J C Grayson	Morganton.	No Delegates.	3	1	4	0	2	1	0	49	2.85	
Ston.	Catawba	B H Martin	Newton.		3	0	2	0	14	2	2	127	1.20	
Mt. Rholama.	Burke.	I Oxford	Happy Home.	P. Warlick and Abel Warlick.	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	60	
Union first.													3.00	
Mt. Gilead.	Catawba.	G J Wilkie	Catawba Station										1.50	
Providence.														
Presbal.	Burke.	B H Martin	Knob Creek.	T J Hamilton, H W Bridges, S Fisk, J Dan- ner, G J Wilkie.	3	26	0	0	5	1	0	124	6.00	
Presant Hill.				No Delegate.	3	10	0	1	4	0	1	65	1.40	
B-nington.	Gaston.	E A Poe											1.50	
Long Creek.	Gaston.	T Dixon	Dallas.	E A Poe, M Hoffman, W B Lay, S J Haw- kins, J C Rhyme, G S Fife, C Abbernathy.	2	8	4	2	25	2	0	478	8.00	
Union second.	Gaston.	T R Gaines	Dallas.	J Brumfield, J G Lewis, A A Rhyme, R Holland	3	6	0	0	6	2	0	301	5.30	
St. John's.				T Wallace, W Warren, C Featherston, E Smith	4	11	3	0	2	0	7	123	2.15	
Fallen.	Lincoln.	G J Wilkie	Lincolnton.	T Robison, B & D Shoup, J Black, H Garrison	3	68	3	2	0	0	0	216	3.65	
Letanion.	Catawba.	G J Wilkie	Newton.	J L Crouse, I M Lauey.	1	10	1	2	4	0	0	61	4.00	
Tuckasege.	Mecklenburg	T J Taylor		T J Taylor, James T Hawkins.	4							24	75	
New Prospect	Burke.	B H Martin	Morganton.	P Brumgumner, M Stany, E A Stany.	2		1	0	0	0	0		3.75	
Union 3rd.				No Return.		8	1	0	0	0	0	25	0.80	

The very irregular representation of our Churches this year, must suffice as an apology for the imperfection of statistic table.

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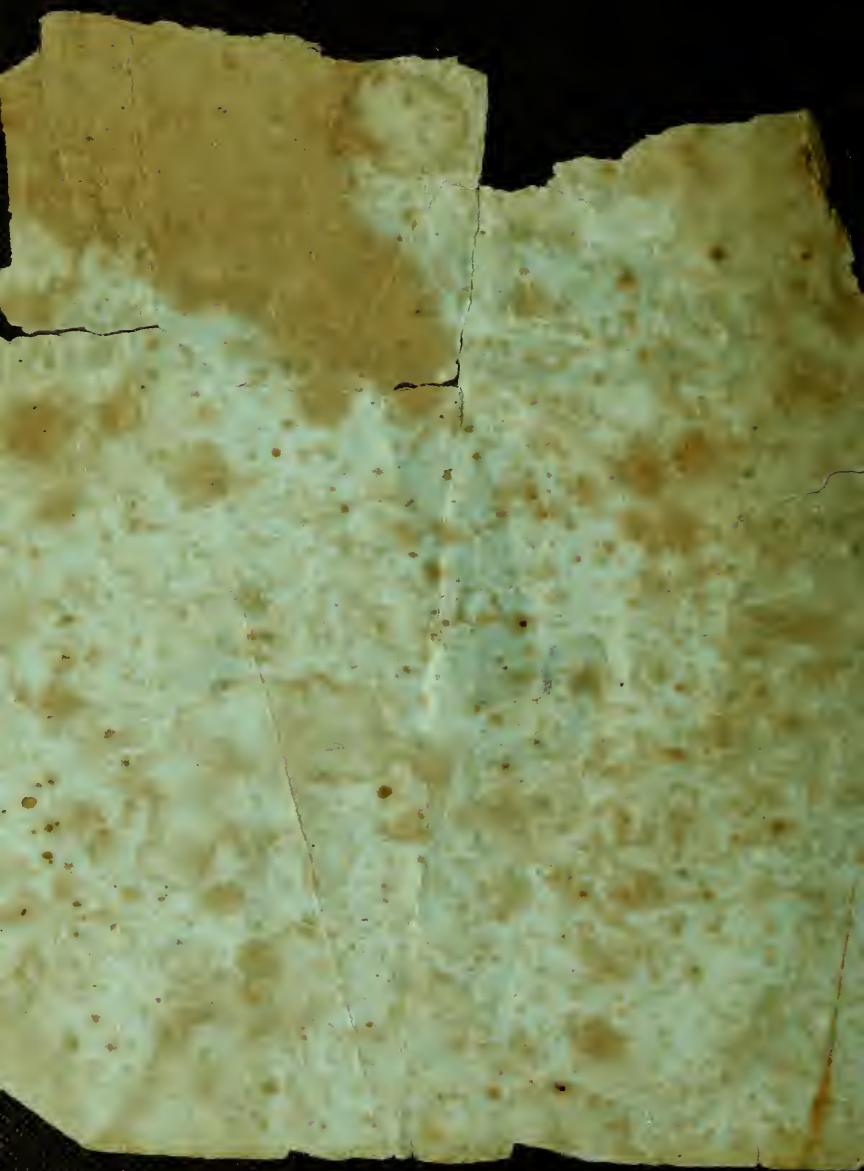
ASSOCIATION,

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION

1827, TO 1867.

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HISTORICAL SKETCH.

To the Ministers and Delegates Composing the Catawba River Baptist Association :

At the last annual meeting of this body, I was appointed to collect together a historical sketch, of this Association, from its origin until the present session—notwithstanding the difficulty attending the collection of such data, as would be likely to make it useful and interesting. Still we have been able to collect a file of minutes, from the Constitution of the body, until the present time; and shall proceed at once, to give such incidents and facts, as we think will prove beneficial and instructive. We learn by information obtained from the minutes of the first regular meeting of the Association, after its organization, that it was constituted on the 16th of Nov., 1827, the friends of the enterprise having held a preparatory convention on the 15th of April preceeding its organization, and drafted an abstract of principles, by which they were to be governed.

The first session of this body was held with a Church in Caldwell Co., called the Head of Yadkin. Letters were read from thirteen Churches—all of which formerly belonged to the Broad River Association. The Broad River Association may, therefore, be said to be the mother of the Catawba Association.

An introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Alfred Webb. Elder Reuben Coffye, was chosen Moderator and Alfred Webb, Clerk. Agreed that this body should be designated by the name of the Catawba River Baptist Association.

The Association appointed union meetings early after its organization—one being appointed at Union Church, Burke county, for the year 1828. A resolution was passed at the first session of this body recommending the churches to meet on Christmas day for religious worship and where they were destitute of a Minister to hold prayer meetings. Also a resolution setting apart the 4th of July for divine service.

A resolution was passed by the body advising the Churches to withhold their suffrages from all candidates for office who are guilty of the degrading practice of treating on spirituous liquors, to obtain votes.

Whatever, may have been the propriety of the following resolution—it was nevertheless adopted by the body composed of some of the purest Christian patriots that ever lived.

Resolved, That we advise the Churches to set apart the first Thursday in August next, as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, for the interposition of the Holy Spirit—in stilling the party rage that appears to abound respecting the Presidential question.

The stand was occupied on the Sabbath by Elders Smith Furguson, A Webb, and W. Richards. Correspondence was opened with the French Broad and with the Mountain Distriict Associations.

The second session of this body was held with the Bill's Creek Church, Rutherford Co., on October 3rd. The introductory sermon was delivered by Humphrey Posey; Elders A. Webb, Moderator, and J. C. Grayson, Clerk. Elder Humphrey Posey and William Kimsey were present as corresponding messengers from the Broad River Association. James Vannoy and Wm. Kendal were corresponding delegates from the Mountain District Association. Correspondence was opened at this session with Broad River Association—the mother of this body. The Association considered the following query from Ebenezer Church: "Is it consistent with the Gospel, to license a man to go into the world to preach and not to administer the ordinances." Answered in the negative.

Elders William Kimsey, Drury Dobbins and H. Posey preached on the Sabbath.

There was no circular letter this year—Elder R. Coffey having failed to attend.

In 1829, this body met with the Silver Creek Church, Burke county. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Alfred Webb.

Letters were read from fourteen churches, and delegates names enrolled.

The following Churches were admitted into the body at this meeting, viz: North Catawba and Smyrna dismissed from the Broad River and Antioch from the Brier Creek. Correspondence was opened with the Brier Creek Association, and John Redman was present as a messenger. Humphrey Posey and Christopher Powell were present as corresponding delegates from the French Broad Association. Also Drury Senter, from the Mountain District Association.

Owing to some difficulty between the Brier Creek and Yadkin Associations, this body resolved to drop correspondence with said Association till their difficulties should be settled. The Association took up and considered a query found in the minutes of the French Broad Association.

Is it good order for members to choose the Church in which their membership should be without regard to their local circumstances? Answer: We think in a general way, it would be best for members of Churches to belong to the nearest Church to them.

Query from Mt Rhuamah: "Shall we commune with the Dunkard Baptist? The query was answered in the negative. Query second: are we to continue the practice of laying on of hands on those we Baptize? Answer: we think there is no Scripture that enjoins it as a duty.

Query from New Bethany: Do the Scriptures prohibit a Minister of the Gospel from administering medicine to his fellow man, if called upon so to do? Answer: No. Query from Head First Broad: Would it not be more proper to say Son in the place of the Word in our abstract of principles, Art. 1st? Answer: We think the Word and Son are synonymous terms. Brethren R. Coffey, John Bradly, Alfred Webb, T. Carleton and Benjamin Beach, were appointed a committee to visit New Bethany Church and assist them in settling a difficulty in the Church. Appointed Elders Webb, Padget and Coffey, to attend Smyrna and assist them in the ordination of a Minister. The name of the minister is not mentioned in these proceedings. The Association agreed to accept of an offer of tracts from the American Tract Society, and appointed J. C. Grayson to correspond with that Society, on the subject. The stand was occupied on the Sabbath by Elders Senter, Posey and Richards, 1830:—The Association convened this year at Mt. Rhuamah. Lincoln Co., N. C. Introductory sermon was preached by Elder William Bradshaw. Letters from fourteen Churches were read and the proceedings minuted, Elders A. Webb was elected moderator and J. C. Grayson, clerk. Drury Dobbins and Philip Ramsour, were present as corresponding messengers, from the Broad River Association. Stephen Morgan and S. P. Barnett, were also present as messengers from the French Broad Association. The stand was occupied on the Sabbath by Elders R. Coffey, S. Morgan and A. Webb.

The following queries were considered by the body, and answers given. Is a Church in order that allows a minister to preach to her that a person can be a devil incarnate, and a saint at the same time, and not call him to account for such doctrine? Answer: We do not consider such Churches in order.

2nd. Can a Preacher be considered a sound gospel minister, who advances the doctrine that there are but two persons in the god-head? Answer: no. In 1831 this body met at Smyrna Meeting House, Burke Co., N. C., on Saturday, October the 8th. The Introductory Discourse was delivered by Elder Hugh Quin. Elder A. Webb, was chosen moderator, and J. C. Grayson, clerk.

Elders S. Morgan and M. Ownsby were present as corresponding messengers from the French Broad Association. From Brier Creek, Elder R. Pardew, J. Adams and G. Douglas. From Mountain District, B. McBride and D. Farthing. Opened correspondence this year with the Tuckasiege. Elders Douglas, Webb and Morgan, preached on the Sabbath.

The association at this session invited an Episcopalian Minister to a seat in the body. Something unusual for a Baptist Association. The following queries were taken up and answered. 1st. Should a Church or must Ministers and Deacons call another Minister or Deacon to account for failures in the duties of his office? Answer: The Church to which he belongs. 2nd. From Kings Creek, How many delegates is a Church entitled to in the Catawba Association? Answer: Every Church under fifty members is entitled to two, and one for every additional twenty-five members. Union meetings were appointed this year at North Catawba Head, 1st Broad, Kings Creek and Bills Creek. The Circular Letter was read this year by Elder R. Coffey. It was stated in the Association that John Lea, an ordained Minister, and formerly a member of New Bethany Church, was at this time not a member of any Church.

A resolution was adopted setting apart the 12th day of May following, as a day of fasting and prayer, for the removal of error and for a revival of religion.

In 1832 this body met at New Bethany Meeting House, Iredell Co., N. C., on the 12th day of October. Elder Hugh Quin, preached the Associational Sermon. Elder A. Webb, Moderator and J. C. Grayson, Clerk. The following Churches were received into the body this year, Rocky River, Bethlehem and Gun Powder. It appears that the greatest part of the time of the body was taken up in reading letters from Associations with whom they corresponded, and appointing corresponding delegates &c. The attendance by corresponding messengers this year, was very large. From the French Broad, Elder L. Bradley and D. Garren, Brier Creek; Wm. Pilkinton, Tuckasiege; Benj. E. Holifield, Mountain District; B. McBride and D. Farthing, Bethel; S.

Curry, Broad River; P. Ramsour and J. Lewis. The circular letter was read and received. The following query from Thessalonica Church was considered and an answer given. Ought a Church having Deacons to be restricted from taking of the Lords Supper, because they have no preachers present to administer it? Answer: We think it is necessary for a preacher to be present. A request was made by the Association that all the families in the surrounding country unite with the Association in concert of prayer at or before sun-rise, on the following day, for a revival of God's grace and spirit, and his blessings generally on this session of the body. Elders T. Stradley, A. Webb and L. McCurry, preached on the Sabbath. On account of the disordered state in which the Committee appointed to investigate that matter, found Silver Creek Church, the dissolution of the Church was recommended and the following Brethren appointed for that purpose, Elders T. Carleton, J. C. Grayson, A. Webb and H. Quin.

Resolved, That in all our writings and communications on religious subjects, we will use the term, Lords, Day instead of Sabbath or Sunday. Elder, instead of Reverend in addressing a Minister, and Lord's Supper, instead of Sacrament, when speaking of the communion.

In 1833 the Association met at Bethel meeting-house on the 11th of October, and the introductory sermon was delivered by Elder A. Webb. A. Webb, Moderator and J. C. Grayson, Clerk. Olivet and Dover, two newly constituted Churches were received into the body at this session. Elder S. Morgan was present as a messenger from French Broad Association; D. Micheal, from Tuckaseige; H. Posey, from Mountain District; W. P. Swanson and Wm. Kindal, from Bethel L. McCurry, and D. Dobbins from Broad River. An invitation having been given to transient ministers to take seats in the body, Elder Samuel Wait, agent for the N. C. Baptist State Convention, kindly accepted the invitation. Considered the following queries: First a query from Globe Church. How should a person act with a colored person that comes to the church and relates a good and satisfactory experience; having at the same time a white person to their husband or wife? Ans.: The church ought not to receive a person in that condition. Query from Theslonica. Should we as Baptists, keep a member in fellowship that countenances horse-racing in any way whatever. Ans., in negative.—Query from Thessalonica church. Have the Baptists any better right to make, receive or use church creeds, than Roman Catholic's, who, we say, have no such right? Answered in the following language:

All that God requires christians to believe or do, is clearly set forth in the Bible, without note or comment, it is impious, therefore, to adhere to anything else.

Elders T. Carleton and J. C. Grayson, a part of the committee appointed last year to dissolve Silver Creek Church reported that they attended at the time appointed and found the Church in a more prosperous condition than was represented and consequently did not dissolve the Church. Elder Carleton having been called to preach to said church, accepted the call and the committee would, therefore, report matters in rather a prosperous condition. Elder John Lea, who was reported to the Association, in 1831, as being in disorder, is now fully restored to his position as a Minister and a member of the Church. Elder Samuel Wait, D. Dobbins and H. Posey, preached on the Sabbath.

The Association met in 1834 at Thessalonica Meeting House, Lincoln County, N. C. Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder H. Quin. Elected H. Quin, Moderator, and J. C. Grayson, Clerk. The Church known as Union First, was received into the Association this year.

Corresponding Messengers were present from the following bodies, viz: From Mountain District, a letter and minutes by the hands of W. Kindal. From Broad River, Elder B. T. Kirby. Brier Creek, Elder W. D. Holder. From Yadkin, E. M. Chaffin.

Elder P. Ramsour took a seat in the Association as a visiting Minister.

Considered the following query handed in from Sharon Church. Is it consistent with the rules of the Baptist Church, for one of her regularly ordained Ministers to fill the Sheriff's office. The following was the answer given in substance. We are only an advisory Council and have no right to dictate to our Brethren what shall be their vocation, but we would advise them not to entangle themselves more than they can possibly help. Appointed Elders A. Abernathy, W. C. Richards, J. C. Grayson and E. M. Chaffin, to preach on the Sabbath.

The Circular Letter was prepared this year by Elder A. Webb.

Appointed Elder Thos. Carleton to write a circular for next year on the passage of scripture that reads thus: One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism."

Elders Alfred Webb, and H. Quin, requested letters of recommendation, as they proposed moving beyond the bounds of the Association—which were granted.

The following resolution was unanimously passed by the Association:

Resolved, That we believe that our sister, the Mountain Association, has transcended the limits of an advisory council in answering in the negative the following query :

Is it right for a minister of the gospel to hold a commission of profit :

Elder T. Carleton was appointed Moderator *pro tem* in order to sign the letters of recommendation for Elders Hugh Quin and A. Webb.

The Association adjourned—prayer by Elder P. Ramsour.

This body met this year with the Kings Creek church; it being the 9th anniversary of the Association on the 9th Oct. 1835.

The introductory sermon was preached by Alexander Abernathy.

Elder A. Webb, was chosen moderator and J. C. Grayson, clerk.

Read letters from twenty-two churches. Mt. Gilead and Macedonia, two newly constituted churches were admitted into the Association at this session.

Elder Davis Tinsley was present from the Mountain Association as a corresponding messenger. From Brier Creek, Elders Smith Fergusson, Wm. Goforth, and Bro. Eli Petty. From the Yadkin, Elder A. Roby. French Broad, Jas F. McCall. Bethel, a package of minutes, but no messenger. Elder S. Smith and J. Thomas accepted seats, in the Association as visiting ministers. The Association appointed corresponding messengers this year to all the bodies with which she corresponds. Head of Yadkin, Lower creek and Kings creek, asked for and obtained letters of dismission.

The body took under consideration the destitute condition of Silver Creek church and appointed Elders R. Cloud and T. Carleton to attend her. The Association appointed the following committee to sit with the Lower Creek church and inquire into the cause of the difficulty complained of in a letter to the Association by an excluded member of said church, viz: Elders A. Webb, A. Abernathy, W. Richards, W. Bradshaw and Daniel Moore.

The circular letter was prepared and read by Elder T. Carleton.

Elders J. Thomas, W. Goforth and A. Webb, preached on the Sabbath.

The objects of the Baptist State Convention were brought before the Association by Elder James Thomas and after some consultation it was agreed to leave the subject with the churches, to do as they thought best.

The moderator offered prayer and the Association adjourned.

The Association for the year 1836, met with the church at North Catawba, Burke county, N. C., on the 7th day of Oct.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. Webb, from the following passage of scripture: "Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners."

Elder A. Webb, moderator and J. C. Grayson, clerk.

Elder Drury Dobbins was present as a corresponding messenger from the Broad River Association. From the Yadkin, Elder John Culpepper. French Broad, Wm. Blalock.

Elder W. Church and brother P. Powel, were present from Lewis' Fork, a newly constituted Association, desiring correspondence with this body; but owing to the fact that both bodies met on the same day; the Association ordered a friendly letter to be returned through their messengers to inform them of the reason why they could not correspond.

Query from Ebenezer. Is it according to scripture to call Deacons Elders? Answered in the negative.

Appointed Elders W. Richards, John Lowe, B. T. Kirby and A. Abbernathy a Presbytery to visit Macedonia Church and ordain J. Clark, if upon examination he be found qualified for the work of the Gospel Ministry. Union and Antioch obtained letters at this meeting to join another Association. The committee appointed last year to visit Lower Creek Church reported that a part of the committee attended and that the matters of difficulty were settled and the two aggrieved members returned to the Church. The Circular Letter prepared by A. Webb, was read and adopted.—Appointed Elder Grayson to write a Circular for the next year on Christian Fellowship.

Elders John Culpepper, D. Dobbins and A. Webb, preached on the Sabbath.

The Church by the name of Gun Powder, was advised by the Association to change its name to Sardis.

The following preamble and resolutions, were adopted by the Association at this Session, viz :

Whereas, The Abolitionist at the North have circulated certain incendiary Pamphlets, prejudicial to the interests of the South, and the same are calculated to create much disturbance in our Christian community, inasmuch as such productions have been sent to Ministers and private members of Churches, contrary to their wishes and without their consent, and whereas, Ministers of the Gospel are liable in this way to have their usefulness diminished in a community whose feelings are hostile to such sentiments :
Therefore,

Resolved, That this Association disclaims all connection with those engaged in sending abroad productions so corrupt and poisonous and that we will in future look with indignation and contempt upon any such efforts as are calculated to disturb the best interests and peace of our country, and recommend the same course to our Churches, and sister Associations. The circular addressed to the body this year was on the subject of ministerial support. The subject was skillfully handled and much scriptural doctrine advanced.

The Association for the year 1837 met with the Church at Bethlehem, Burke County, N. C., on the 6th day of October. The Introductory discourse was delivered by Elder Wm. Richards, from the words, "They shall call on my name." Prayer was offered by Elder Thomas Carleton. Elder Alfred Webb, who had been moderator of this body for a number of years, having removed out of the bounds of the Association, Elder Thomas Carleton, was elected moderator, and J. C. Grayson, clerk. Corresponding messengers were present from the following Associations, French Broad, Elders S. Morgan and B. Bruce, Mountain, Elder Richard, Jacks and B. McBride, and Bro. D. Farthing, from Broad River, Elder Joab Wilkie, Brier Creek, Elder Wm. Goforth, Lewis Fork, P. Powell and William Church. The time of the meeting of the Lewis's Fork Association, having been changed, this Association agrees to correspond with that body. The Association advised Silver Creek Church, and all others in her bounds, destitute of preaching to call upon whatever minister they prefer, and compensate him for his services. We find from this act of the body at that time that they were at least in theory in favor of Ministers of the Gospel being compensated for their labors, whether it was their practice or not. A lengthy well written instructive and most interesting circular letter prepared by Elder J. C. Grayson was read and adopted, and ordered to be appended to the minutes. Elders J. Wilkie, R. Jacks, S. Morgan and W. Goforth preached on the Sabbath. The death of one of the Ministers of the Association was made known to the body in the following words:—

"We are called upon to announce the death of our dearly beloved brother Samuel J. Bruce, a Minister of the Gospel, whose indefatigable labors and zealous engagements in the Gospel-field, had endeared him to many and with his affectionate widow, we condole the loss of our brother in the Lord. But confidently hope and believe that our loss is his eternal gain. He departed this life in the triumphs of faith, on the 3d of July 1837, aged 33 years."

In 1838, this body convened with the Ebenezer Church, Rutherford County, N. C., on the 12th day of October. The Introductory was preached this year by Elder J. C. Grayson, from these words, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ." Letters were read from eighteen Churches. The following messengers were present from sister Associations. French Broad, S. Morgan; Broad River, D. Dobbins, J. M. Webb and J. Wilkie; Lewis Fork, W. D. Holder and R. Barnhill; Yadkin, Wm. Goforth; from Salem, a newly constituted body, Elders M. Rickman and J. W. Freeman. The Bethlehem and Globe Churches were dismissed at this meeting, to join another Association. The circular letter was prepared this year by Elder T. Carleton, and was based upon the 25th verse of the 10th chapter of Hebrews, and contains much of the marrow of the Gospel. Elder S. Morgan, W. Goforth, J. M. Webb and D. Dobbins, preached on the Sabbath.

1839. The Association met this year with the Smyrna Church, Burke County, on the 11th day of October. A sermon Introductory to the business of the body was delivered by Elder Alexander Abbernethy, from Rom. 1: 14: "I am debtor both to the Greeks and Barbarians, both to the wise and unwise." Elder Abbernethy was chosen Moderator, and H. E. Lollar, Clerk. A newly constituted Church, called Montford's Cove, was admitted into the body at this Session. Also Globe Church returned the letter obtained last year, and was re-admitted into the body. The following Ministers and Messengers appeared, and were invited to seats in the Association, from the French Broad, Elders S. Morgan and R. Patterson; Broad River, Drury Dobbins; Lewis Fork, Elders W. D. Holder and B. Beach; Yadkin, Wm. Goforth; Salem, R. Howard; Brier Creek, Wm. Garner. The circular was prepared this year by Elder A. Abbernethy, on the subject of taking the word of God for our rule of faith and practice, the subject was well handled and the letter shows that the Bible and its teachings were held in estimation above everything else with the writer. Let Associations, Churches, Ministers and Members generally, imbibe more of the mind of Christ and the Spirit of the pure truths of God's word.

Considered the following query from Smyrna Church: Can there be no mode adopted whereby the Churches can be more profitably supplied with the preaching of the Gospel than they now are. The query was answered in the affirmative, and the Ministers generally advised to visit the Churches and the Churches were advised to compensate them for their labor. Appointed W. Goforth, S. Morgan and Drury Dobbins, to

preach on the Sabbath.

In 1840 this body met with the Olivit Church, Lincoln County, on the 9th day of October. From Acts, 20th chapter and 28th verse, Elder J. C. Grayson delivered a discourse introductory. Elder A. Abernathy. was elected Mod., and H. E. Lollar, Clerk. Three newly constituted Churches, Round Hill, Mt Vernon and Pisgah, were received, and their delegates welcomed to seats in the Association. Corresponding messengers were present from the following Associations, with the usual letters: French Broad, Stephen Morgan; Broad River, D. Dobbins, T. K. Pursley; Lewis Fork, Elder Cornelius Livingston; Yadkin, Paul Phifer and Burton Roby; Brier Creek, Elder Z. B. Adams; Salem, Elder James Blythe, S. B. Bruce and brother John Brown. Union meetings have been kept up in the Association with very little variation from the organization of the body, until the present time. The Association appointing a committee every year to designate times and places for holding said meetings; usually appointing three during the year, and sometimes four. Corresponding messengers have also been appointed every year to the bodies with which this Association corresponds.

The Circular Letter prepared by Elder J. C. Grayson on the subject of feet washing was presented to the body after some informal consultation, it being ascertained that there was a difference of opinion on the subject. The Association agreed not to enter into any general discussion of the merits of the doctrine advanced and further, that let the result be as it might; when the matter came to a vote, fellowship should not be thereby be disturbed.

The vote being taken on the letter, it was rejected by a vote of 27 to 21.

Appointed Elders James Blythe, P. Phifer and Drury Dobbins to preach on the Sabbath.

The year 1841, this body met with the Union Church, Lincoln county, N. C., on the 8th day of October. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. P. Swanson, Isaiah, 40: 11: "He shall gather the lambs with his arms, &c." Twenty-two Churches were represented by letters and delegates.

Elder J. C. Grayson was elected Moderator and Lewis McCurry, Clerk. Elder S. Morgan, was present from the French Broad Association, as a corresponding messenger, also Jacob Holifield, Broad River, Drury Dobbins and Joab Wilkie, Lewis' Fork, S. Bailey, Cornelius Livingston, Philip Powell and Joseph Harrison, Yadkin, Barton Roby and Daniel Windsor, Brier Creek, S. P. Smith, Salem, Johnathan King and Joseph Evans. The Circular Letter, prepared by Elder Grayson on the observance of the Christian Sabbath was read and ordered to be printed with the minutes. The following query was handed in from Sharon and considered:

What shall be done with a member that will not go to meeting? Answer.—Appoint one or two brethren to admonish him to his duty; "if he give satisfaction well, if not exclude him." Hebrews, 10: 25: 2nd., a query from Macedonia. Would it not be necessary for the Catawba River Association to have an established Hymn Book? Answer. We think not. We presume the meaning of the query to be whether each Church and member of a Church should have a copy of the same kind of Hymn Book? Not whether they should be compelled to use a book established by the denomination of some kind. Bills Creek, Bethel, Mountain Creek, Round Hill, Mountfords Cove, Ebenezer, Big Springs, Head of First Broad River Churches, asked for and obtained letters to form a new Association. Sardis Church obtained a letter to join the Lewis' Fork Association. Elders C. Livingston, S. Morgan and Drury Dobbins, preached on the Sabbath. The word preached, seemed to be attended by the aid of the Divine Spirit, and is confidently believed that some good was accomplished in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Association in 1842 met with the Globe Church, Caldwell county, N. C., on the 7th day of October. The Sermon, Introductory to the session of the body was preached by Elder Thomas Carleton. Subject—Isaiah, 7: 25: Elected Elders Thomas Craig, Moderator and Thomas Carleton Clerk. Elders S. Morgan, J. Holifield and Isaac Washburne were present from French Broad Association. Lewis' Fork, Joseph Harrison, Broad River, J. Crowder, Brier Creek, Z. B. Adams and N. H. Gumbor, Salem, Jos. Evans and Jonathan King. Also a letter by the hands of Elders W. Hill, J. C. Grayson and Lewis McCurry, from a newly constituted body called Green River Association. All of whom were cordially welcomed to seats in the body.

The Circular Letter prepared by Elder Abernathy, according to appointment on the subject of Sanctification was read and ordered to be printed with the minutes. From some cause unexplained in the minutes, themselves, the proceedings for this session of the body were never printed; but are found only in manuscript form. Considered a query from Smyrna Church. What shall be done with a member of a Church who removes out of the bounds of the Church without applying for a letter or giving the Church

any notice or reason for his absence? Answer. We recommend the Churches to exercise their own Judgement, after a sufficient degree of Christian forbearance.

The stand was occupied on the Sabbath by Elders W. Hill, J. Harrison, J. C. Grayson and S. Morgan.

In 1843 the Association met with the Church at Bethany, Iredell County, on the 6th day of October. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Thomas Craig. Elected Thomas Craig, Moderator, and Thomas Carleton, Clerk. Brother Badgett offered an apology for not having the minutes of last year printed, which was received by the body. Philadelphia, a newly constituted Church, was received into the Association this year.

Corresponding messengers were present from the following Associations. French Broad, Elder S. Morgan, J. Holifield and J. Washburn; Lewis Fork, Smith Furguson and William Church; Yadkin, Mark May, and D. Windsor; Brier Creek, Wm. Garner and Ben. Hines; Green River, Daniel Pruett. Elder N. A. Purefoy, took a seat in the body, as a visiting Minister. The circular prepared by T. Carleton, was called for, read and ordered to be appended to the minutes, but from some cause or other it was omitted. Query from Union Church, "Is it consistent with Gospel order, to retain members in the Church, who walk orderly, but are in principle, Arminians?" Answered in the negative.

Elders N. A. Purefoy, Smith Furguson and Stephen Morgan, preached on the Sabbath, Elder Windsor, closed the services by exhortation and prayer.

For the year 1844, the Association convened with the Church at Mt. Zion, Burke County, on the 11th day of October.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. Abbernathy; Text, "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the Moon, clear as the Sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

Elected Thos. Craig, Moderator, Thomas Carleton, Clerk. St. John's, a newly constituted Church, was received into the body this year. S. Morgan, S. M. Collis and J. Holifield, were present as corresponding messengers, from French Broad; Lewis Fork, W. D. Holder; Brier Creek, Z. B. Adams; Green River, Joab Wilkie; Broad River, Drury Dobbins; Yadkin, John Richards. Elders Ransom, P. Cloud and Miles J. Abbernathy, took seats in the body, as visiting Ministers. Owing to the geographical situation of the Salem Association, agreed to drop correspondence with that body.

Elders Joab Wilkie, Drury Dobbins and S. Morgan, preached on the Sabbath.

The circular letter prepared by Elder A. Abbernathy, was read, adopted and ordered to be appended to these minutes. New Bethany Church requested the Association to send a Presbytery to ordain, if found qualified to the Gospel Ministry; R. H. Carskadon, Elders Abbernathy, Carleton, Craig, Clark and Miles J. Abbernathy, were designated as said Presbytery.

This body held its sixteenth Anniversary at North Catawba, on the 9th day of October 1846. The Introductory Sermon according to appointment was preached by Ransom P. Cloud, text: "And if ye be Christ, then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise." The officers of the Association, the same as last year.

The corresponding delegates were invited to seats in the body, and accepted by the following brethren: French Broad, S. Morgan, S. M. Collis, J. Holifield and J. J. Dickson; Lewis Fork, Elders W. Goforth and R. H. Moody; Brier Creek, B. Hines, Eli Hendren and Jabes Hendren; Green River, J. C. Grayson. Elder Mathew Kirksey, took a seat in the body as a visiting Minister. The Presbytery appointed to go to Bethany Church, to ordain R. H. Carskadon, reported that they did not attend, and offered as the reason, that they had received letters stating that the Church had called Elder W. Garner and he had ordained said Carskadon, a warm, but affectionate discussion arose as to the validity of said ordination, not coming to any definite conclusion, the subject was postponed till Monday.

The circular letter prepared by Elder A. Abbernathy, was read and ordered to be appended to these minutes. Elders Grayson, Collis, Morgan and A. Abbernathy, preached on Sunday. Took up the case of ordination from New Bethany Church.

The New Bethany Church came forward in the spirit of meekness, and expressed a willingness to submit the whole matter to the Association, after advising the New Bethany Church, and all others to be guarded against disorderly ordinations, and expressing their special disapprobation of the action of said Church, the matter was dismissed. A letter was read from the Moriah Association, requesting correspondence with this body, which was (in view of the distance and the fact of having to pass through another Association,) declined.

In 1847 this body convened with the Mt. Rhuama Church, Catawba County, October 8th. Introductory Sermon preached by Elder A. Abbernathy, Elder T. Carleton

having failed to arrive in time. T. Craig, Moderator, T. Carleton, Clerk. No corresponding messengers this year from French Broad. Lewis Fork, J. B. Powell and H. Holsclaw; Brier Creek, S. D. Swain, J. B. Green and Obadiah Springle; Broad River, J. S. Eazel; Green River, Elder A. Padget.

The circular letter was prepared by T. Craig, on the subject of intruding Ministers. There seems to have been little done during this session of the body other than reading and writing letters of correspondence to and from other Associations, with which this body corresponds.

In 1848, this Association, met with the Smyrna Church, Burke County, N. C., on the 6th day of October. A Sermon, Introductory, was delivered by Elder A. Abbernathy. The officers, the same this year as last. Rocky Spring, a newly constituted Church, presented a letter by their delegates, W. D. Holder and Elijah Chambers, and was received. Correspondents were present from the following bodies: French Broad, S. Morgan, S. M. Collis, Henry Brookshire and James Washburn. The letter and delegates, from the French Broad, were rejected this year, on the ground, that said Association had opened a correspondence with the Free Will Association, called *Big Ivy*. Lewis' Fork, Elder R. H. Moody and Brother Moses Smith. Green River, Elders J. C. Grayson and Baily Bruce. The messengers from French Broad Association were invited to take seats in the body as visiting brethren, and Ministers. The Association, believing, that they, themselves, were not to blame in the matter of the correspondence with the *Big Ivy* Association. Ordered, by the body, that a friendly letter be written to the French Broad Association, stating the reason we cannot receive her messengers and appoint others in return.

A resolution was adopted at this session, not to correspond with any Association across another. Elders S. Morgan, J. F. Pendergrass, J. C. Grayson and Baily Bruce, preached on the Sabbath. The Association passed a resolution recommending the Baptist Hymn Book, to all the Churches within its bounds. Took up the request from Mount Rhuama Church, advised them to call the preacher of their choice and if they would remove the difficulties out of his way; he would come and preach to them. The request, alluded to above, from Mt. Rhuama Church is not stated—we, therefore, are unable to say what it was. The Circular Letter prepared by Elder A. Abbernathy, was read and ordered to be appended to the minutes. The subject was Fellowship, and it contains much valuable instruction.

This body met with the St. John's Church, Burke County, on the 12th day of October, 1849. The Sermon, Introductory, to the business, was delivered by Thomas Craig, Elders T. Craig, Moderator and T. Carlton, Clerk. From Lewis' Fork Association, Elder Burton Bradley and James Reid, presented themselves and were received.—Broad River, T. K. Pursely, W. Hill and R. P. Logan. Green River, Joab Wilkie.—The Circular Letter was prepared this year by T. Craig, on the subject of regeneration; which, being read, was ordered to be printed.

T. K. Pursely, R. P. Logan and Wade Hill, preached on the Sabbath.

The Association passed a resolution, cautioning the Churches against an impostor, by the name of John Q. Barber, who has been officiating, as a Baptist Minister.

The body noticed on the face of her Minutes, the fact, that R. H. Carskahan, once, an ordained Minister, of our denomination, but now an excluded member, and having been informed, that he had been preaching since his exclusion; therefore, she took this method of publishing him before the world, as being in disorder.

In 1850, this body met with the Rocky Spring Church, Caldwell, County, N. C., on the 12th day of October. The Sermon, Introductory, was preached by Elder R. H. Moody. Elder Abbernathy, having failed to attend. Elected Elder T. Craig, Moderator and R. H. Moody, Clerk. The following correspondents were present: Green River, J. C. Grayson. Lewis' Fork, Elders B. Bradley, C. Livingston, S. Metlock and E. Tinsley. The Circular letter was prepared this year by Elder R. H. Moody, and is worthy of the perusal of all who are fond of the truth, in a condensed form.

Elders Livingston, Bradley and Grayson preached on the Sabbath.

Appointed Elders Abbernathy, R. P. Cloud, A. Hilderbrand, J. Clark and Brother J. Padget, to visit Rocky River Church, and report its standing to the next Association.

In the year 1851, this body met with the New Bethaney Church, on the 10th day of October. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. Abbernathy. T. Graige, Moderator, R. H. Moody, Clerk. The following brethren were present from corresponding bodies: Broad River, Elder W. Hill and brethren A. J. Cansler and J. M. McCrear. Lewis' Fork, Elder J. Reed, H. Holsclaw, Edmund Tilley, J. Crouch, W. Pool and C. Livingston. Elders J. B. Green, R. B. Jones and Wm. Garner, took seats as visiting Ministers. The Circular Letter, prepared this year by T. Carleton, on the subject of communion, was read, adopted and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Took up a query from New Bethany Church, which reads as follows: Is it consistent with Gospel order, for Church members to join in secret councils with men of the world, under color of promoting morality? Answer. No. We presume, that this query grew out of the fact that about that time, an order sprang up, and was propagated through this country, known as the Sons of Temperance. The answer, here, given and the answer, that a body of the same kind, would give now, were it put to them, in the same form, show a wonderful progress in intelligence—*non rectus leges sine intelligentia*. No correct laws without knowledge.

A query, in the following words, was found on the Table. Are not the Old and New Testaments sufficient for rules of faith and practice, without any abstract of principles? Answered, in the affirmative. Elders A. Abbernathy, R. B. Jones, and Wade Hill preached on the Sabbath. The Committee appointed to visit Rocky River Church, reported that they had attended, and dissolved the Church. The death of Elder Ransome P. Cloud, was announced to the Association, at this session, and inasmuch as Elder Cloud was a man of deep piety, eminent usefulness in the Christian Ministry, loved and respected by all who knew him. Therefore,

Resolved, That we sympathise with his bereaved family, (which consists of a wife and nine children,) and commend them to the Christian regard of our denomination, and those among whom he labored.

While the Association, at this nor, any of the former meetings did not seem to do very much for the spread of the Gospel; otherwise, than preach it to those in her immediate Churches, and communities, yet, when they came together, they seemed to enjoy it very much, and it seemed, that all her meetings were characterised by peace and harmony.

In 1852 this body convened with the Union Church, Burke County, on the 8th day of October. The Associational Sermon was delivered by T. Craig. Elder T. Carlton, Moderator and R. H. Moody, Secretary. Mt. Gilead and Providence, two newly constituted Churches, were received into the body at this Session.

Correspondents appeared from the following bodies, viz: Green River, Elder J. C. Grayson; Broad River, W. Hill and A. J. Cansler; Lewis Fork, C. Livingston, J. Reed and B. Bradley; Kings Mountain, John Jones.

Elder A. Abbernathy, stated that St. John's Church was in disorder, there being some members in it, illegally Baptized. After some consultation, Elders Hildebrand and Abbernathy, agreed to try and settle the matter between themselves.

Resolved, That we recommend the Churches to remunerate the Ministers that preach to them at their Union Meetings.

Resolved, That we recommend our Churches to suffer none of their members to drink Spirituous Liquors, especially at public times and places.

Elders J. C. Grayson, R. B. Jones and W. Hill, preached on the Sabbath.

The Association passed the following Resolution:

Resolved, That we invite no unbaptized person into our pulpits.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the body:

Whereas, Religious intelligence, through the medium of general reading, facilitated greatly by the supply of good books, conveniently afforded, is in a rapid state of progress among sister Associations, as well as in other denominations; therefore,

Resolved, That we make some arrangements to supply the reading community, with such books as will be calculated to promote true piety, dispel error, and build up the faith in the minds of the people in our bounds.

Resolved, That we recommend Pastors and supplies of Churches, to lay this matter before their respective Churches, by subscription, to collect as much as possible to form a book fund, and pay the same to a committee appointed to attend to this matter. A board was appointed to carry out the intention of the above resolutions, consisting of P. Warlick, H. R. Curtis and A. Abbernathy. This seems to be the first Session of the Association, where anything like miss onary money was talked of or books and periodicals; we therefore feel, that a new impetus was given to the body at this Session.

For the year 1853, the Association held its meeting with the Silver Creek Church, Burke County, N. C., on the 7th day of October. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder T. Carleton. T. Carleton, Moderator and R. H. Moody, Clerk.

Pleasant Hill, a newly constituted Church was admitted into the body at this session. J. C. Grayson and B. Taylor, from the Green River; C. Livingston and Hiram West, from the Lewis Fork; Elders T. Dickson and J. J. Jones, from the Kings Mountain, were welcomed to seats in the Association, as corresponding messengers from said bodies.

A committee previously appointed to visit New Bethany Church, and assist them in adjusting some Church difficulties, reported, that they approved the course of said Church in the exclusion of A. L. Moore, a licentiate of said Church, for preaching doc-

trine, as we believe, contrary to the teachings of God's word; viz.: *apostasy and open communion*. We, as Baptists, believe that immersion is the only scriptural mode of baptism, and that baptized believers are alone to be admitted to the Lord's table. A very interesting circular letter was prepared this year by R. H. Moody, on the subject of the advancement of God's glorious kingdom in the earth. In this letter is discussed the scriptural doctrine of Temperance, and it embraces many important and instructive truths.

Owing to the feeble condition of Thessalonica Church, a committee was appointed to visit her, and dissolve the Church if the committee thought it advisable, since that time, the Lord has greatly and graciously prospered that Church, and she now stands forth as a beacon light in the midst of error, sin and immorality.

Elders T. Dickson, R. B. Jones and R. H. Moody, preached on the Sabbath.

1854. The body met this year at the usual time, with the Olivet Church. The Associational Sermon, was delivered by R. B. Jones, officers the same as last year.

Elders B. Bruce and L. McCurry, from the Green River; J. J. Jones and R. P. Logan, from the Kings Mountain, took seats as corresponding messengers, from said bodies. The Association dropped correspondence with the Lewis Fork Association, on account of her anti Temperance principles. The design of the Church organization was ably discussed by Elder R. B. Jones, in a circular letter which was appended to the minutes for this year. Olivet and Globe Churches were dismissed from the body, the former to join Kings Mountain, and the latter Three Fork. Elders Bruce, McCurry and Jones, preached on Sunday. A book Society was organized at this meeting of the body, the object of which was the circulation of the Bible and religious books. There seems to have been some little feeling at this session of the Association, on the subject of Temperance, out of which grew some rather unguarded remarks, all of which soon subsided, and was buried and forgotten.

1855. The body met at North Catawba. Introductory by R. H. Moody. Globe Church returned to this body, and was cordially received. Bruington, a newly constituted Church, was received into the fellowship of the Association, at this meeting. Elders J. C. Grayson, from Green River; S. P. Smith and R. L. Steel, from Taylorsville; A. J. Cansler, from Broad River, took seats in the body, as messengers, from said bodies. Union meetings which had been kept up from the organization, of the body until this session were on motion dispensed with. The circular letter was written this year by Elder Moody, on the subject of missions. The subject was happily chosen, earnestly and scripturally discussed. Notwithstanding the subject was so forcibly brought to the attention of the Churches, still there is a great want now of the practical effects, of the truth therein taught. A letter of dismission was granted St. John's Church, to join Kings Mountain Association. Silver Creek applied also for a letter in order to join the Lower Creek Association, but owing to the fact of her anti-Temperance principles, it was not granted. Considered a query from Globe Church, in the following words. Is it gospel order and good discipline for a Minister belonging to an Association, with which we have refused to correspond, on account of anti-Temperance, to preach to one of our Churches as a regular supply? and, answered in the negative.

Elders S. P. Smith, R. B. Jones and J. C. Grayson, preached on the Sabbath.

A resolution was passed urging the Churches to contribute liberally to the support of Elder R. H. Moody, who was travelling as a Missionary under the appointment of the Western Convention. Appointed Elders R. B. Jones, R. H. Moody, T. Carleton and Brother Warlick, were appointed delegates to the Western Convention.

1856. The body met with the Smyrna Church, at the Warrior Ford, on upper Creek, Burke County, at the usual time. Introductory by Elder R. B. Jones. Elder Jones was appointed Moderator, and D. C. Cockerham, Clerk. J. H. West, A. H. Simmons, from Green River; I. Oxford, from Taylorsville, were invited to seats as messengers from the above bodies. Elder R. H. Moody, was invited to a seat in the body as a visiting Minister. I. Oxford, R. B. Jones and R. H. Moody, preached on the Sabbath.

A resolution was adopted by the body at this Session, recommending the establishing of a School of high grade in the bounds of the Association; and designated Monnain Springs as the place, and appointed J. S. Parks, Elijah Chambers, Phillip Warlick, B. H. Martin, D. C. Cockerham, Joseph Benfield and J. B. Marler, a board to Superintend the affairs of said School.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing the action of the Western Convention, appointing Elder T. Carleton, a Missionary, and urging the Churches, within the bounds of the body, to contribute to his support.

1857. The Association convened with the Providence Church, Catawba County. Introductory Sermon by Elder T. Carleton. T. Carleton, Moderator and J. H. Spainbow, Clerk. I. Oxford, from the Taylorsville, and D. Cockerham, from the Kings Mountain.

tain, took seats as correspondents. Elder Elias Dodson, agent of the board of foreign missions, was cordially invited to a seat in the body. Appointed I. Oxford, R. L. Steel and E. Dodson, to preach on the Sabbath.

On motion, agreed to discontinue the practice of writing circular letters.

I must be permitted to say here, (in all due deference to the opinions of those brethren that composed the body at that time,) that I consider this as the most injudicious act of the body up to this time; for, by a careful perusal of at least some of the letters in years gone by, I have been greatly strengthened, in my confidence in the authority of the body from its origin, till the present.

Query. How shall we receive members who are dissatisfied at home, and are in good standing, and cannot get a letter from their Church? Answered in the following words: Receive them on application, their Christian character being known. Agreed to open books of subscription for three different sites for a high School, viz: Smyrna, North Catawba and Mountain Springs, and the one presenting to the Board the largest subscription, should be the place for the School.

Resolved, That we recommend a committee of three, to meet committees of other Associations, to locate a Female College in the bounds of the Western Convention.

Resolutions were passed recommending the *Biblical Recorder*, *Southern Review*, *Commission*, *Home and Foreign Journal*, *Christian Review* and *Young Reaper*.

Resolved, That we recommend our Preachers to preach a Sermon annually on benevolence. Interesting reports were submitted on Education, Temperance, Sabbath Schools &c. There was no circular written for the minutes this year.

1858. The Association met this year with the Church, at Warlick's Chapel. Introductory Sermon by Elder Job. Moore. T. Carleton, Moderator and J. H. Spainhower, Clerk. A newly constituted Church, called Bethlehem, was received into the body. Elder Hilderbrand, J. J. Hicks, from Kings Mountain; I. Oxford, R. L. Steel and James Reed, from the Taylorsville, were received as corresponding delegates from said bodies. Elder S. P. Smith, James Brumfield and Joseph Harrison, accepted seats as visiting Ministers. The body re-adopted the practice of holding Union Meetings. Elder A. Abbernathy addressed the Association and congregation, on the subject of Temperance, and Missions, in a most affecting strain, the Church of which he was a member having lost its connection with the body, on account of not being orthodox on these questions. He said, in the conclusion of his remarks, that he was in favor of the use of all the means possible to spread the Gospel far and near, and total abstinence from Spirituous Liquors, as the only safe guard to Temperance. And upon these grounds his Church desires to return to her place in the body; and his request was granted. A. Abberdathy, S. P. Smith and Joseph Harrison, preached on the Sabbath. The subscription for an Academy, having been found on comparing lists to be in favor of North Catawba, and was accordingly built, principally by the subscriptions of brethren Bradshaw, Martin, and some others in the neighborhood, and the Academy was tendered to the Association at this Session and received. A board of Trustees was then appointed, consisting of brethren William Bradshaw, sr., Elijah Bradshaw, B. H. Mrrtin, Philip Warlick, Jesse Moore, M. Spainhower and D. C. Cockerham. Resolutions were passed endorsing the appointment of Elder S. P. Smith, Missionary by the Western Convention.

And also the opening of Sabbath Schools in all the Churches.

1859. The Association met with the Rocky Spring Church, Caldwell County. Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Spainhower. Elder A. Abbernathy, Moderator and D. C. Cockerham. Clerk. Transient Ministers were invited to seats in the body, and were accepted by Elders E. Dodson, E. A. Poe, R. H. Moody, Joseph Harrison, J. H. Spainhower and J. A. Hagaman. An hour was set apart for the purpose of hearing an address from Elder Dodson, on the subject of Education. A letter was granted New Bethany Church to join the Lewis Fork Association.

A very interesting and well written circular was prepared this year by Rev. J. H. Spainhower, a young brother of much promise, who had just entered the work of the Ministry, a licentiate, on the spiritual condition of the heathen, and their need of the blessed Gospel of our God.

Reports were submitted by the various committes, on Education, Home and Foreign Missions, Temperance, Periodicals &c.

Elders E. A. Poe, E. Dodson and R. H. Moody, preached on the Sabbath.

1860. The Association convened this year with the Church at Bruington, Gaston County, N. C., at the usual time in October. Introductory Sermon by Elder A. Abbernathy. A. Abbernathy, was chosen Moderator, and D. C. Cockerham, Clerk.

Elders R. P. Logan and L. M. Berry, from the Kings Mountain Association, were welcomed to seats as corresponding messengers from said body. Elder R. H. Moody, from the Tucker's Cove Association, also took a seat in the Association, as a visiting

Minister. Elder A. Abbernathy, was appointed by the Association, to travel and preach as a Missionary in the bounds of the body. Elders R. P. Logan, R. H. Moody and L. M. Berry, were appointed to preach on the Sabbath. Owing to the small number of Delegates present, and to other unpropitious circumstances, the brethren were very much discouraged at this session, and were almost upon the point of dissolving the body entirely.

We find that there were very few Ministers belonging to the body at that time; and they were men very far advanced in life. We are informed by persons that were present, that Elders Carleton, Abbernathy, Clark and Brumfield, in connection with the other brethren present, entered into a solemn covenant, to pray earnestly for more laborers to be sent into our bounds; and for the prosperity of the Association. We are fully convinced, that their prayers were heard and good was accomplished by this assembling together of the brethren, that will be seen and felt in days to come. The Catawba River Association has been gaining ground in point of strength, and numbers ever since.

1861. The Association convened this year with the Church at North Catawba, Caldwell County, at the usual time. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder T. Carleton. Elder A. Abbernathy, was chosen Moderator, and E. A. Poe, Clerk. The prospects of the body seemed to be even brighter at this session than it had been for several of the preceding meetings. Elders L. McCurry, from the Kings Mountain; R. H. Moody, from the Tuckasegee; and I. Oxford, from United Baptist Association, were welcomed to seats in the body. Elders I. Oxford, L. McCurry and R. Moody, preached on the Sabbath. Elder A. Abbernathy, was continued as Missionary to travel and preach to the destitute Churches.

1862. The Association met this year with the Church at Zion, Burke County, October 10th. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Roderick. The former Moderator being absent, Elder Carleton was called to the Chair, and led in religious exercises. Elders A. J. Cansler, J. C. Grayson, E. A. Poe and brother R. Whitesides, from the Green River; and I. Oxford, from the United Baptist Association, were welcomed to seats as corresponding messengers. Elder J. A. Stradley and W. R. Gaultney, were invited to, and accepted seats in the body. Elder G. W. Rollins, was also present from the Kings Mountain Association. Elder Gaultney, addressed the Association on the subject of Army Colportage.

Elders G. W. Rollins, J. C. Grayson and A. J. Cansler, preached on the Sabbath. Interesting reports submitted by committees appointed for that purpose, are found appended to the minutes for this year. The circular prepared by Elder Carleton, was not printed at his own request. Elder R. H. Moody, having again become a member of this Association, was appointed a Missionary, to travel and preach to Churches destitute of the preached word, and at other points in the bounds of the Association. The Association agreed to open correspondence with the Salem Association; and appointed Delegates to that body. Elder R. H. Moody, was appointed to write an essay on the subject of Temperance, to be read at a Union meeting at Rocky Spring, to be held the following February.

1863. The body convened with the Providence Church, October 9th. The Associational Sermon was preached by Elder R. H. Moody. Long Creek and Union, the former dismissed from the Kings Mountain, and the latter, a newly constituted Church, were admitted into the Association at this session. Elder A. J. Cansler, was chosen Moderator and J. G. Lewis, Clerk. Elder A. B. Trwin, from the United Baptist Association, took a seat as a visiting Minister. Elder I. Oxford, took a seat in the Association as a corresponding messenger, from the United Association. The circular was prepared this year by Elder Moody, on the subject of humanity.

Elder R. H. Moody, was re-appointed Missionary of the body; having submitted a satisfactory report of his labors for last year. Elders I. Oxford, A. J. Cansler and R. H. Moody, preached on the Sabbath. Elders A. J. Cansler, R. H. Moody, E. A. Poe, J. Brumfield and brethren C. C. Withers, J. G. Lewis, Jasper Wilson and D. C. Cokerham, were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention. The subject of Home and Foreign Missions, Sabbath Schools and Periodicals, were discussed and reports of committees on these subjects appended to the minutes. From the amount contributed to the various objects before the body, there seems to have been a warm feeling entertained for the several objects of benevolence. The cause of missions, should always engage the warmest affections of the Christian's heart.

1864. The Association met with Long Creek Church, October 7th. Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder E. A. Poe. Elder A. J. Cansler, was chosen Moderator, and J. G. Lewis, Clerk. Elder I. Oxford, appeared as a corresponding messenger from the United Baptist Association. The circular letter was written this year by Elder Cansler on the subject of faith, and ordered by the body to be published in the

Biblical Recorder. Salem Church, formerly a member of Kings' Mountain Association, was admitted into this body. Elders I. Oxford, R. H. Moody and E. A. Poe, preached on the Sabbath.

A committee was appointed to endeavor to supply the destitute places in the bounds of the Association, with the preached word by the appointment of Missionaries for that purpose. Reports on Sabbath Schools, Home and Foreign Missions, Periodicals and Temperance, were submitted and appended to the minutes. In consequence of so many of our people being away in their homes in the Army. The subject of Army Colportage engaged largely the attention of the body, at all of its meetings during the continuance of our national troubles. Home Missions have been permitted to languish for the last few years. Little more than a few lines written in the form of a report has been given for the last few years in this, as well as many other bodies similar to it.

In 1865, this body with the Union Church, Burke County. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder R. H. Moody. Elder A. J. Canster, was chosen Moderator and Elder R. H. Moody, Clerk. Elders J. C. Grayson and B. E. Rollins, from the Green River; and I. Oxford, from the United Baptist Association, were welcomed to seats in the body. Elder J. A. Studley, from the Salem Association, also, took a seat in the body, as visiting Minister. Elders B. E. Rollins, J. A. Studley, and J. C. Grayson, preached on the Sabbath. Committees were appointed to draw up a Report on Home and Foreign Missions, Periodicals, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, state of religion in our bounds, &c. All of which submitted very interesting reports. The Committee on the state of religion in the bounds of the Association, reported an increase of members, by Baptism, during the year of two hundred and thirty-eight.

1866. The body met with the Salem Church, Lincoln County. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. J. Canster. Elder A. J. Canster, was chosen Moderator and R. H. Moody, Clerk. Union Church, a newly constituted Church and Lebanon, formerly a member of Kings' Mountain Association, were admitted as members of this body. M. D. Cobb, from the Green River; and J. Oxford, from the United Baptist Association, were welcomed to seats as corresponding messengers from said bodies. Elders G. R. Harding, J. M. Roderich and J. J. Blackwood, were invited to, and accepted seats in the body as visiting Ministers. The usual committees were appointed, on the subjects of Home and Foreign Missions, Periodicals, Temperance and Sabbath Schools.

Interesting reports were offered, which are found appended to the minutes. Elders I. Oxford, E. A. Poe and R. H. Moody, preached on the Sabbath. The committee on Obituaries, submitted the following report, on the death of our much esteemed brother A. Abbernathy: Alexander Abbernathy, was born March the 13th 1790, and departed this life August 30th 1866, in the 77th year of his age. Elder Abbernathy was born near the Mountain Island Shoal, on the Catawba River, Lincoln County, N. C. He was the son of Smith Abbernathy, and removed with his father to Dutchman's Creek, at an early age. In a few years after, Smith Abbernathy, father of A. Abbernathy, moved to the South Fork, Lincoln County, N. C. Then in a short time he removed with his father to Rutherford County, N. C., and at the age of twenty-two years he joined the Methodist Society, and shortly after professed religion, he was licensed to preach. After laboring with the Methodists several years, he and wife obtained a letter of dismission, and returned to Burke County, near his last residence. Shortly after this, he joined the Baptist Church. His membership was in Union Church till his death. Elder Abbernathy was baptized by Hosea Hoicomb, on the 26th April 1817; and was ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry, by Dinny Dobbins and Hosea Hoicomb. He labored in that work from his ordination, till his death. He was a faithful Minister, and in full fellowship with the Church, and much loved by all Ministers and brethren with whom he mingled, and was acquainted. While on his death bed he said, tho he was weak in body, he was strong in faith, and though he was called to go through the valley and Sanlow of death he feared no evil.

Thus dear brethren we have endeavored to give in as condensed a form as possible, a sketch of the doings and proceedings of the Catawba River Baptist Association, from its origin, until the present. Although taking what appears on the face of the minutes each year, nothing very brilliant presents itself to our minds, yet when we take into consideration the spirit with which all the proceedings were characterized, there will be found much to admire and much to lead us to imitate their example.

For the last few years passed, the Lord seems to have been very gracious and merciful, to the people in this part of his moral vineyard. We are informed by the Statistical Tables, as shown up in the minutes of each year, that a very great ingathering of souls has been effected by a large number of our Churches; and in a word, all have received more or less accessions. We feel, that while Zion seems to languish in some localities, and with some of the Churches, still we ought to be thankful for the

success already achieved, and take fresh courage to enable us to fight on, till death shall put an end to our earthly labors, and then through the unbounded mercy and goodness, of God, we hope to be taken to our father's house in Heaven, there to praise Him with all the blood washed through around His Throne, on high; and may the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, guide all your minds and hearts in the paths of truth and righteousness; and we ultimately saved with an everlasting Salvation, is the prayer of your unworthy servant. AMEN.

APPOINTMENTS.

CHURCHES.

COUNTIES.

NAMES OF DELEGATES.

1827.

Head of Yadkin.
Ebenezer.
Bills Creek.
New Bethany.
Lower Creek.
Silver Creek.
H. B. River.
Union.
Kings Creek.
Mountain Creek.
Big Spring.
Globe.
Mt. Rhama.

Caldwell.
Rutherford.
Rutherford.
Iredell.
Caldwell.
Burke.
Rutherford.
Burke.
Caldwell.
Rutherford.
Rutherford.
Caldwell.
Catawba.

R. Coffey, S. Curtis, W. Coffey.
A. Webb, P. Fortune, A. B. Melton.
E. Haynes, I. Ledbetter.
W. Richards, J. Badgett.
I. Sherrel, J. Clark, G. Powell.
J. Hall, W. Toney.
J. C. Grayson, B. Taylor.
A. Western, A. Western, jr.
S. Furguson, B. Beach, W. Bradley, J. Calton.
J. Bradley, R. Rick.
J. Padgett, W. Wilkie, Wm. Price.
J. Moore, S. Coffey, Wm. Penley.
No Representation.

1828.

Head of Yadkin.
Ebenezer.
Bills' Creek.
New Bethany.
Lower Creek.
Silver Creek.
Head 1st. B. R.
Union.
Kings Creek.
Mountain Creek.
Big Spring.
Globe.
Bethel.
Mt. Rhulama.

Caldwell.
Rutherford.
"
Iredell.
Caldwell.
Burke.
Rutherford.
Burke.
Caldwell.
Rutherford.
"
Burke.
"
Catawba.

R. Coffey, J. Dowell,
A. Webb, P. Fortune, W. Fortune.
J. Whiteside, A. Green.
W. Richards, J. Lee.
J. Clark, J. Sherill, P. Powell.
J. Hall.
B. Taylor, E. Hunt, J. C. Grayson.
S. Harrington, A. West, B. Roberts.
B. Beach, W. Carlton, W. Bradley,
B. Mitealf, F. Edwards, F. Logan.
J. Padgett, W. Wilkie, W. L. Price.
J. Moore, S. Coffey, E. Chambers.
Z. Blackwell, D. Hicks.
H. Quinn, D. L. Farr, W. Bandy.

1829.

Head Yadkin.
Ebenezer.
Bills Creek.
New Bethany.
Lower Creek.
Silver Creek.
Head 1st. B. R.
Union.
Kings Creek.
Mountain Creek.
Big Spring.
Globe.
Bethel.
Mt. Rhulama.
Antioch.
North Catawba.
Smyrna.

Caldwell.
Rutherford.
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Iredell.
Caldwell.
Burke.
Rutherford.
Burke.
Caldwell.
Rutherford.
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Burke.
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Catawba.
Burke.
Caldwell.
Burke.

R. Coffey, Wm. Coffey.
A. Webb, A. Biggerstaff, W. Fortune.
A. Green, L. Harris, I. Ledbetter.
W. Richards, J. Badgett.
J. Sherrel, P. Powell.
J. Hall, S. Ezeal, M. Hall.
B. Taylor, E. Hunt, J. C. Grayson, H. Poteate.
A. West, Wm. Roberts.
W. Carlton, B. Beach, W. Badley.
T. Edwards, J. Bradley, F. Logan.
J. Padgett, W. Wilkie, J. Wilkie, W. L. Prell.
R. Hat, W. Penley, D. Moore, sen.
Z. Blackwell, D. Hicks.
H. Quinn, D. L. Farr, J. Lowe.
N. Austin, B. Austin, W. Swanson.
T. Craig, W. Bradshaw.
T. Carlton, J. Scott, J. A. Pearson.

1830.

Head Yadkin.
Ebenezer.
Bills Creek.
New Bethany.
Lower Creek.
Silver Creek.
Head 1st. B. R.
Union.

Caldwell.
Rutherford.
"
Iredell.
Caldwell.
Burke.
Rutherford.
Burke.

R. Coffey, J. Dowell, Wm. Coffey,
A. Webb, L. Deck.
I. Ledbetter, M. Reaves.
W. Richards, J. Lee, J. Badgett, H. Howard.
P. Powell, R. Freeman.
J. Hall.
B. Taylor, E. Hunt, J. C. Grayson.
A. Letter.

CHURCHES.

COUNTIES.

NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Kings Creek.	Caldwell Co.	W. Carter, R. W. Carter, J. Carter, A.
Kings Creek.	Caldwell.	Wm. Carter, J. Carter, J. Carter, J. Carter.
Big Spring.	Rutherford.	J. Carter, W. Carter, J. Carter, J. Carter.
Mountain Creek.	Caldwell.	J. Carter, W. Carter, J. Carter, J. Carter.
Globe.	Burke.	J. Moore, M. J. Moore, M. J. Moore.
Bethel.	"	Z. Backwell, M. J. Moore.
Mt. Rhuhamu.	Catawba.	Hugh Queen, E. Bandy, E. Bandy, J. Styles.
Antioch.	Burke.	W. P. Swanson.
North Catawba.	Caldwell.	Thomas Craig.
Smyrna.	Burke.	Thomas Carlton, J. A. Pieron.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	D. L. Farr, John Lowe, E. Abernathy.
Thessalonica.	Lincoln.	J. Wacaser, Henry Rhodes.
1831.		
Head Yadkin.	Caldwell.	R. Coffey, Wm. Coffey, John Craig.
Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	A. Webb, A. Bugestaff, W. Fortune.
Bills Creek.	"	A. Green, L. Harris.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	W. Richards, J. Badgett, E. Ingram.
Lower Creek.	Burke.	J. Clark, J. Sherrell, P. Powell.
Silver Creek.	"	A. Letter.
Head 1st. B. R.	Rutherford.	E. Hunt, J. C. Grayson, B. Taylor, W. Toney.
Union.	Burke.	A. West.
Kings Creek.	"	S. Ferguson, B. Beach, J. Carlton.
Mountain Creek.	Rutherford.	W. Johnson.
Big Spring.	"	A. Letter.
Globe.	Burke.	D. Moore, senr., L. Estes.
Bethel.	"	Z. Backwell, G. Sterns.
Mt. Rhuhamu.	Lincoln.	A. Letter.
Antioch.	Burke.	W. Swanson.
North Catawba.	"	T. Craig.
Smyrna.	"	T. Carlton, J. S. Parks, J. Carroll, J. Fox.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	D. L. Farr, John Lowe.
Thessalonica.	"	Hugh Quinn.
1832.		
Head Yadkin.	Wilkes.	H. Craig, E. Coffey.
Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	A. Webb, W. Fortune, L. Deck.
Bills Creek.	"	M. Reeves.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	W. Richards, H. E. Lillard.
Lower Creek.	Burke.	P. Powell, J. Sacreel.
Silver Creek.	"	No Return.
Head 1st. B. R.	Rutherford.	J. C. Grayson, E. Hunt.
Union.	Burke.	A. West, J. O. O. O.
Kings Creek.	"	B. Beach, S. Ferguson.
Mountain Creek.	Rutherford.	J. Bradley, P. Swanson, W. Bradley, J. Carlton.
Big Spring.	"	A. Letter.
Globe.	Burke.	A. Letter, E. England.
Bethel.	"	Z. Backwell, M. Red.
Mt. Rhuhamu.	Lincoln.	Wm. Bandy, E. Godfielder.
Antioch.	Burke.	N. Austin, S. Austin.
North Catawba.	"	Thos. Craig, Wm. Beachaw.
Smyrna.	"	T. Carlton, J. A. Person.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	J. Lowe, D. L. Farr.
Thessalonica.	"	Hugh Queen, H. Rhodes.
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	Adam Torrence, Jabez Cashren.
Bethlehem.	Burke.	John Sonthor.
Gun Powder.	"	Haam Clark.
1833.		
Head Yadkin.	Wilkes.	Wm. Cottrell, J. Craig, D. Coffey.
Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	A. Webb, W. Fortune, L. Deck.
Bills Creek.	"	S. J. Bruce, A. Green, I. Ledbetter.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	W. Richards, Jno. Badgett, H. Howard.
Lower Creek.	Burke.	J. T. Sherrell, P. Powell.
Silver Creek.	"	William Humphres.
Head 1st. B. R.	Rutherford.	J. C. Grayson, E. Hunt, J. Rosker.
Union.	Burke.	A. West, W. Shell.

CHURCHES.

COUNTIES.

NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Kings Creek.	Wilkes.	B. Beach, W. Bradley, B. Kirby, E. Story.
Mountain Creek.	Rutherford.	H. W. Patterson, W. Johnson.
Big Spring.	" "	No Return.
Globe.	Burke.	D. Moore, J. Gilbert, R. Coffey.
Bethel.	"	D. Hicks, M. Hall, Z. Blackwell.
Mt. Rhuhamah.	Lincoln.	No Return.
Antioch.	Burke.	A. Letter.
North Catawba.	"	Thom. Craig, William Bradshaw.
Smyrna.	"	Thomas Carlton, John A. Pearson.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	D. L. Farr, Randolph Barnett.
Thessalonica.	"	H. Quinn, J. Clarke, H. Rhodes.
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	J. Lowe, A. Torrence, J. Cashon.
Bethlehem.	Burke.	Joseph Souther, John Souther.
Gun Powder.	"	No Return.
Olivet.	Lincoln.	David Setzer.
Dover.	Burke.	S. Medlock, J. F. McCally.
1834.		
Head Yadkin.	Wilkes.	No Return.
Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	A. Webb, Leo. Dick, B. Jenkins.
Bills Creek.	" "	S. J. Bruce, J. U. Whiteside.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	Wm. Richards, H. Howard.
Lower Creek.	Burke.	P. Powell, J. Sherrell.
Silver Creek.	"	J. Hall, W. Humphreys.
Head Ist. B. R.	Rutherford.	J. C. Grayson, E. Hunt.
Union.	Burke.	A. Letter.
Kings Creek.	Wilkes.	B. Beach, B. Kirby, Wm. Bradley.
Mountain Creek.	Rutherford.	H. W. Patterson, L. F. Cook, W. Johnson.
Big Spring.	" "	Wm. Price, E. Holleyfield.
Globe.	Burke.	J. Ridley, E. S. Moore, D. Moore.
Bethel.	"	J. J. Harris.
Mt. Rhuhamah.	Lincoln.	G. Sterns, John Morris.
Antioch.	Burke.	W. Bandy, E. Clodfelder.
North Catawba.	"	B. Austin.
Smyrna.	"	(No Return) Thomas Craig.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	Thos. Carlton.
Thessalonica.	"	D. L. Farr, R. Barnett.
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	H. Quinn, Jephtha Clark, W. Rodrick.
Bethlehem.	Burke.	J. Lowe, A. Torrence, J. Cashon.
Gun Powder.	"	J. Noblet, A. Owenly.
Olivet.	Lincoln.	R. Freeman.
Dover.	Burke.	D. Setzer, T. Williams.
Union.	Lincoln.	George Barnes.
		A. Abernathy, R. P. Cloud.
1835.		
Head Yadkin.	Wilkes.	S. Curtis, W. Coffey, W. Cotterel.
Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	A. Webb, L. Deck, B. Jenkins.
Bills' Creek.	Do.	S. J. Bruce, A. Green, H. Poteat.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	W. Richards, H. Howard, N. Clure.
Lower Creek.	Burke.	P. Powell, J. Sherrell.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	W. Humphreys.
Hh. Ist. B. River.	Rutherford.	J. C. Grayson, E. Hunt.
Union.	Burke.	J. Oxford, J. Blair.
Kings' Creek.	Wilkes.	J. Carlton, W. Bradley, T. Knight, T. Carlton, Jr.
M't'n. Creek.	Rutherford.	H. W. Patterson, W. Johnson.
Big Spring.	Do.	No Return.
Globe.	Burke.	D. Moore, J. Moore, J. Ridley.
Bethel.	Do.	G. Sterns.
Mt. Rhuhamah.	Lincoln.	W. Bandy, E. Clodfelter, N. Wilson.
Antioch.	Burke.	J. Teague.
No. Catawba.	Burke.	T. Craig, W. Bradshaw.
Smyrna.	Do.	T. Carlton, E. Penley.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	D. L. Farr.
Thessalonica.	Lincoln.	(No Return) J. Clarke.
Rock River.	Mecklenburg.	(No Return) J. Lowe.

CHURCHES.

COUNTIES.

NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Bethlehem.
Gun Powder.
Olivet.
Dover.
Union.
Mt. Gilead.
Macedonia.
1836.

Ebenezer.
Bills Creek.
New Bethany.
Silver Creek.
Head 1st. B. R.
Union.
Mountain Creek.
Big Spring.
Globe.
Bethel.
Mt. Rhuama.
Antioch.
North Catawba.
Smyrna.
Sharon.
Thessalonica.
Rocky River.
Bethlehem.
Sardis.
Olivet.
Dover.
Union.
Mt. Gilead.
Macedonia.
1837.

Ebenezer.
Bills Creek.
New Bethany.
Silver Creek.
Head 1st. B. R.
Mountain Creek.
Big Spring.
Globe.
Bethel.
North Catawba.
Smyrna.
Sharon.
Thessalonica.
Rocky River.
Bethlehem.
Sardis.
Olivet.
Dover.
Union.
Mt. Gilead.
Macedonia.
1838.

Ebenezer.
Bills Creek.
New Bethany.
Silver Creek.
Head 1st. B. R.
Mountain Creek.
Big Spring.
Globe.

Burke.
Burke.
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Rutherford.

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Iredell.

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L. Harris.
H. Clarke, R. Freeman.
A. Letter.
G. Barnes, R. Barnhill, W. Barnes,
A. Abernathy.
R. P. Cloud.
B. S. Kirby, R. Barnett.

A. Webb, J. Long.
S. J. Bruce.
W. Richards, J. Badgett.
W. Humphreys, John Hall.
J. C. Grayson, (No Return.)
A. West.
H. W. Patterson, L. F. Cook, W. Johnston.
No Return.

D. Moore.
A. Letter.
N. Wilson, M. Kirksey.
R. Teague, E. Teague.
T. Craig, W. Bradshaw, J. Bradshaw.
T. Carlton, John Scott.
No Return.
J. Clark.

John Lowe.
L. Harris, J. Noblet.
R. Freeman, M. Cloere.
D. Setser, J. Wolover.
No Return.
A. Abernathy, M. Abbernathy.
R. P. Cloud, D. Shoup.
B. S. Kirby, M. Delenger.

P. Fortune.
J. Ledbetter, J. Poteat.
W. Richards, H. Howard, S. Tanner.
John Hall.
J. C. Grayson, D. Prewitt.
H. W. Patterson, S. F. Cook, J. Rich, W. Johnston.
E. Hollifield, J. Crowder.

L. Estes, Dan. Moore.
J. Morris, G. Stearns.
T. Craig, W. Bradshaw, J. Bradshaw.
T. Carlton, E. Smith, M. Spainhower.
No Return.
J. Clark, W. Roderick, H. Rhodes.

A. Torrence.
T. Davis, H. Justice.
H. Clark.
D. Setser.
W. Medlock, R. Barnhill, C. Livingston.
A. Abbernathy.
R. P. Cloud, J. Prewitt, W. Prewitt, J. H. Swoford.
B. T. Kirby, M. Kirksey, N. Wilson. [ford.]

A. Biggerstaff, P. Fortune.
J. Ledbetter, B. Ledbetter.
W. Richards, J. Badgett, H. E. Loller.
John Hall.
J. C. Grayson, D. Pruett.
W. Johnston, T. Edwards, G. Taylor.
H. W. Patterson, S. F. Cook, J. Rich.
J. Crowder, E. Hollifield, W. S. Prell, J. Fox.
D. Moore.

CHURCHES.

COUNTIES.

NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Bethel.	"	J. Morris, W. Hogan.
North Catawba.	"	T. Craig, W. Bradshaw, J. Bradshaw.
Smyrna.	"	T. Carlton, J. F. McCall, W. Carroll.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	No Return.
Thessalonica.	"	J. Clark, S. Tucker.
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	A. Letter.
Bethlehem.	Burke.	Peter Vest.
Sardis.	"	R. Freeman.
Olivet.	Lincoln.	No Return.
Union.	"	A. Abernathy.
Mt. Gilead.	Burke.	R. P. Cloud, J. Prewit, W. Prewit.
Macedonia.	Lincoln.	B. T. Kirby, W. Bandy, W. N. Dellinger.
		Total number of members 732.

1839.

Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	W. Toney.
Bills Creek.	" "	H. W. Patterson.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	H. E. Lollar, H. Howard.
		W. Richards, W. Swanson.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	John Hall.
Head 1st. B. R.	Rutherford.	J. C. Grayson, L. McCurry, D. Prewit.
Mountain Creek.	" "	L. F. Cook, D. Rich, J. Rich, W. Rooker.
Big Spring.	" "	J. Crowder, E. Holyfield.
Bethel.	Burke.	A. Mason, J. Morris.
Mt. Rhuhamah.	Lincoln.	W. Bandy.
North Catawba.	Burke.	T. Craig, W. Bradshaw.
Smyrna.	"	T. Carlton, W. Carroll, W. Moody.
	"	H. Spainhower.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	A. Letter.
Thessalonica.	"	H. Reap, S. Tucker.
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	A. Letter.
Sardis.	Burke.	R. Freeman.
Olivet.	Lincoln.	D. Setzer.
Union.	"	A. Abbernathy.
Mt. Gilead.	Burke.	R. P. Cloud, J. Pruett, W. Pruett.
Macedonia.	Lincoln.	B. T. Kirby, J. Clark.
Montford Cove.	Rutherford.	W. Hill, J. Ledbetter, J. Pruett.
Globe.	Burke.	D. Moore.

1840.

Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	W. Toney.
Bills Creek.	" "	H. Patterson, J. Whiteside, N. Whiteside.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	W. Richards, W. P. Swanson, E. Ingram.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	A. P. Pain.
Head 1st. B. R.	Rutherford.	J. C. Grayson, L. McCurry, J. M. Melton.
Mountain Creek.	" "	J. Taylor, N. M. Metcall.
Big Spring.	" "	J. Crowder, W. Davis.
Bethel.	Burke.	M. Real.
Mt. Rhuhamah.	Lincoln.	W. Bandy, J. Sherrel, A. G. Bandy.
North Catawba.	Burke.	No Return.
Smyrna.	"	T. Carlton, W. Carroll, M. Spainhower.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	A. Dellinger, N. Abernathy, M. J. Abernathy.
Thessalonica.	"	H. Rhodes.
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	A. Letter.
Sardis.	Burke.	R. Freeman, M. Clier.
Olivet.	Lincoln.	T. Williams, M. Jones, J. Gilleland.
Union.	"	A. Abernathy.
Mt. Gilead.	Burke.	No Return.
Macedonia.	Lincoln.	B. T. Kirby, J. Clark, J. Barnet, J. Powell.
Montsford Cove.	Rutherford.	A. Letter.
Globe.	Burke.	No Return.
Round Hill.	Rutherford.	W. Johnston, D. Morgan.
Mt. Vernon.	Lincoln.	W. R. Simons, J. Leatherman.
Pisgah.	Rutherford.	M. Wright, P. Buff.

1841.

Ebenezer.	Rutherford.	T. Davis.
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CHURCHES.

COUNTIES.

NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Bill's Creek.	" "	J. T. Lewis, B. Ledbetter.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	S. Danner, H. E. Lollar.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	No Return.
Head 1st. B. River.	Rutherford.	J. C. Grayson, L. McCurry.
M't'n. Creek.	" "	J. Blanton.
Big Spring.	" "	J. Forbers.
Bethel.	Burke.	Wade Hill, W. M. Allen.
Mt. Rhuama.	Lincoln.	W. Bandy, W. Abrams.
North Catawba.	Burke.	T. Craig, W. Smith.
Smyrna.	"	Wm. Carroll, S. M. Spainhower.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	N. Abernathy, James Abernathy.
Thessalonica.	"	Wm. Roderrick, Henry Reass.
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	R. Freeman, E. Craig.
Sardis.	Caldwell.	David Setzer.
Olivet.	Catawba.	A. Abernathy, M. Abernathy.
Union.	Burke.	David Setzer, R. Rockett.
Mt. Gilead.	"	R. Barnett, J. Sherrill.
Macedona.	Lincoln.	—
Mountfords Cove.	Rutherford.	Micaiah Hall.
Globe.	Caldwell.	L. Estes.
Round Hill.	Rutherford.	J. Leatherman, W. R. Simmons.
Mount Vernon.	Lincoln.	—
Pisgah.	Burke.	J. Bumgarner, P. Buff.

1842.

There was no statistical table, for 1842, showing by whom the different Churches were represented.

1843.

New Bethany.	Iredell.	John Badget, E. Lollar.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	David Rich, W. Epley, A. Epley.
Mt. Rhuama.	Catawba,	W. Bandy, A. G. Bandy.
North Catawba.	Burke.	J. Bradshaw, B. H. Martin.
Smyrna.	"	T. Carlton, P. Warlick, William Carroll.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	Henry Rhodes, Henry Reap.
Thessalonica.	"	—
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	No Return.
Olivet.	Catawba,	D. Setzer, T. Williams, Wm. Brown.
Union.	Burke.	A. Abernathy, M. G. Abernathy.
Mt. Gilead.	"	Simeon Barger.
Macedonia.	Catawba.	B. T. Kirby, J. Clark, R. Barrett.
Globe.	Caldwell.	Daniel Moore.
Mt. Vernon.	Catawba.	W. Williams, John Leatherman.
Philadelphia.	Caldwell.	T. Craig, T. Craig, jr.

1844.

New Bethany.	Iredell.	R. H. Carscaden, J. Badgett, H. Howard.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	D. Rich, W. Humpheys, E. Holyfield.
Mt. Rhuama.	Lincoln.	W. Bandy, A. G. Band.
North Catawba.	Burke.	J. Bradshaw, W. Bradshaw, A. Craig.
Smyrna.	"	T. Carlton, P. Warlick, M. Spainhower.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	No Return.
Thessalonica.	"	H. Rhodes.
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	No Return.
Olivet.	Catawba.	D. Setzer.
Union.	Lincoln.	A. Abernathy, S. Barger.
Mt. Gilead.	Burke.	A. Letter.
Macedonia.	Catawba.	C. Abernathy, Jas. Abernathy.
Globe.	Caldwell.	J. Gilbert, D. Moore.
Mt. Vernon.	Catawba.	M. Williams, J. F. Leatherman.
Philadelphia.	Caldwell.	T. Craig, T. Craig, jr.
St. John.	Burke.	A. Hildebrand, Joshua Tallent.

1846.

New Bethany.	Iredell.	R. H. Carscaden, Hugh Howard.
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CHURCHES.

COUNTIES.

NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Silver Creek.	Burke.	E. Holyfield, J. Bartlett, A. Epley.
Mt. Rluhama.	Catawba.	Wm. Bandy, A. G. Bany.
North Catawba.	Burke.	W. Bradshaw, J. Bradshaw, A. Craig.
Smyrna.	"	T. Carlton, M. Spainhower.
Sharon.	Mecklenburg.	"
Thessalonica.	Catawba.	"
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	"
Olivet.	Catawba.	Miles Jones.
Union.	Burke.	A. Abernathy, Simeon Barger.
Mt. Gilead.	"	No Return.
Macedonia.	Catawba.	Letter, per James Favelle.
Globe.	Caldwell.	L. Estes, David Moore.
Mt. Vernon.	Catawba.	Millington Williams.
Philadelphia.	Caldwell.	T. Craig, J. Craig, H. Craig.
St. John.	Burke.	R. P. Cloud, A. Hilderbrand, J. Tallent.
1847.		
New Bethany.	Iredell.	R. S. Carskadon, J. Badgett.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	Jos. Reaves, A. Epley, J. Bartlett.
Mt. Rluhama.	Catawba.	Wm. Bandy, John Bungarner.
North Catawba.	Burke.	W. Bradshaw, J. Bradshaw, S. Craig.
Smyrna.	"	T. Carlton, P. Warlich, W. Carroll.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	
Thessalonica.	"	Henry Rhodes.
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	
Olivet.	Catawba.	Miles Jones.
Union.	Burke.	A. Abernathy, Simeon Barger.
Mt. Gilead.	"	J. Clark.
Macedonia.	Catawba.	John Headspeth.
Globe.	Caldwell.	D. Moore, Carrol Moore, L. Estes.
Mt. Vernon.	Catawba.	No Return.
Philadelphia.	Caldwell.	T. Craig, J. Craig.
St. John.	Burke.	N. Return.
1848.		
New Bethany.	Iredell.	Samuel Danner, H. Howard.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	D. P. Rich, J. Bartlett, A. Epley.
Mt. Rluhama.	Catawba.	Wm. Bandy, A. J. Bandy.
North Catawba.	"	H. Smith, W. Bradshaw, James Bradshaw.
Union.	Burke.	A. Abernathy, Simeon Barger.
Globe.	Caldwell.	Job Moore, David Moore.
		Allen Craig.
Mt. Vernon.	Lincoln.	W. Weason, J. H. Leatherman.
		M. Williams.
St. John.	Burke.	A. Hildebrand.
Rock Spring.	Caldwell.	W. D. Holden, E. Chambers.
Philadelphia.	"	T. Craig, T. Craig, jr.
Smyrna.	Burke.	P. Warlich, M. Spainhower, T. Carlton.
Sharon.	Lincoln.	
Thessalonica.	Lincoln.	
Rocky River.	Mecklenburg.	
1849.		
New Bethany.	Iredell.	John Badget, Hugh Howard.
Silver Creek.	Burke.	Andrew Epley, Willis Epley.
North Catawba.	"	William Bradshaw.
Union.	"	A. Abernathy, S. Barger.
Globe.	Caldwell.	Job Moore, William Edmundson.
St. John.	Burke.	A. Heidebrand, Jesse Hudson.
Rocky Spring.	Caldwell.	R. H. Moody, Daniel Coffey, William Carroll.
Philadelphia.	"	Thomas Craig, James Craig.
Smyrna.	Burke.	T. Carlton, P. Warlich, M. Spainhower.
Thessalonica.	Lincoln.	William Roderick.
Olivet.	Catawba.	Daniel Setzer.
Macedonia.	Lincoln.	Mathew Kirksey.
Mt. Vernon.	"	M. Williams, T. Davis, William Wesson.

CHURCHES.

COUNTIES.

NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Mt. Rhuhamas.
Rocky River.
1850.

New Bethany.
North Catawba.
Globe.

Rocky Spring.
Philadelphia.
Smyrna.
Silver Creek.
Sharon.
Thessalonica.
Olivet.
Union.
Mt. Gilead.
Mt. Vernon.
1851.

New Bethany.
North Catawba.
Globe.
Rocky Spring.
Philadelphia.
Smyrna.
Silver Creek.
Mt. Rhuhamas.
Thessalonica.
Olivet.
Union.
Mt. Vernon.
St. John.
1852.

New Bethany.
North Catawba.
Globe.
Rocky Spring.
Philadelphia.
Smyrna.
Silver Creek.
Mt. Rhuhamas.
Thessalonica.
Olivet.
Union.
St. John.
Mt. Gilead.
Providence.
1853.

New Bethany.
North Catawba.
Globe.
Rocky Spring.
Philadelphia.
Smyrna.
Silver Creek.
Mt. Rhuhamas.
Thessalonica.
Olivet.
Union.
St. John.
Mt. Gilead.
Providence.
Pleasant Hill.
Pisgah.
1854.

New Bethany.

Catawba.
Mecklenburg.

Iredell.
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William Bandy.
No Return.

J. Badgett, H. Howard, T. H. Erwin, A. L. Moor.
Henry Smith.

L. Estes, D. Moore, Jesse Moore.
E. Chambers, D. Coffey, R. H. Moody.
T. Craig, Henry Craig.

T. Carlton, M. Spanhower, P. Warlich.
Joseph Bartlett, Andrew Epley.

J. Badgett, H. E. Loller, A. Danner, T. Erwin.
Wm. Bradshaw, S. Craig.

D. Moore, C. Moore.
R. H. Moody.
T. Craig, H. Craig.

T. Carlton, P. Warlich.
A. Epley, William Rhodes.
W. Bandy.

William Roderich, H. Rhodes.
D. Setzer, W. S. Litten, J. J. Clark.
A. Abernathy, S. Barger.

G. F. Johnson, D. Davis.
A. Hildebrand.

J. Badgett, M. H. Erwin, H. Danner.
W. Bradshaw, J. Bradshaw, S. Craig.

David Moore, Carroll Moore.
D. Coffey, W. Carroll, R. H. Moody.
T. Craig, Henry Craig.

T. Carlton, P. Warlich, J. Benfield.
A. Epley, W. Rhodes, J. Bartlett.
M. Kirksey, J. Drumm.

No Delegates.
J. Clark, William Litten.

A. Abernathy, S. Barger, J. Johnson, [brand.
A. Hildebrand, W. Stamey, A. Stamey, C. Hildebrand.

D. C. Cocheham, H. R. Curtis, S. W. Cocheham.

F. Danner.
W. Bradshaw, D. W. Conway, S. S. McCally,

Jesse Moore, Carroll Moore. [J. Bradshaw.
William Carroll, R. H. Moody.
T. Craig, J. Craig.

T. Carlton, P. Warlich, J. Benfield.
J. Bartlett, W. Epley, J. Hall, A. Epley.
S. M. Kirksey, A. Bumgarner, J. Bumgarner,

No Return.
D. Setzer, W. S. Litten.
S. Barger, A. Allee, A. Abernathy.

W. Stamey, A. Hildebrand, C. Hildebrand, J.
J. York. [Hudson.

D. C. Cocheham, H. E. Loller, R. B. Jones.
B. H. Hawkins, A. Denton, G. Chapman.

Smith McCurry.

J. Badgett, T. Erwin, F. Danner.

TOWNS.

COUNTIES.

NAMES OF DELEGATES.

North Catawba	Caldwell.	William Bradshaw.
Smyrna	Burke.	Thomas Carleton, P. Warlick.
S. v. Creek	"	No Return.
Mt. Rhuham.	Catawba.	J. Drum A. Bumgarner.
Thessalonica.	"	No Return.
Olivet.	"	J. Clark, W. L. Selten, W. Pool.
St. John.	Burke.	W. Stamey, C. Hilderbrand.
Mt. Gilead.	"	J. York, W. Chapman.
Providence.	Catawba.	R. B. Jones, J. Walden, H. E. Loller.
Pleasant Hill.	Burke.	H. B. Hawkins.
Pisgah.	"	W. Wright.
Zion.	"	J. Benfield, L. M. Benfield.
Jerusalem.	Caldwell.	James Berry, R. H. Moody.
1855.		
New Bethany.	Iredell.	F. Danner and J. Ingram.
North Catawba.	Burke.	J. Bradshaw, W. Bradshaw, W. Bean, E. Bradshaw, S. Craig.
		T. Carlton, P. Warlick, J. B. Marler.
Smyrna.	Burke.	W. Epley, J. Hall.
S. Creek.	"	J. Bumgarner, J. Caldwell.
Mt. Rhuham.	Catawba.	
Thessalonica.	Lincoln.	A. Hilderbrand, W. Stamey.
St. John.	Burke.	J. Tallent, G. Smith.
Mt. Gilead.	"	R. B. Jones.
Providence.	Catawba.	H. B. Hawkins, G. Chapman.
Pleasant Hill.	Burke.	No Return.
Pisgah.	Cleveland.	J. Benfield, E. Whisenant.
Zion.	Burke.	R. H. Moody, J. R. Sherrell, James Berry.
Jerusalem.	Caldwell.	J. Moore, Jesse Moore, J. Estes.
Globe.	"	No Return.
Rocky Spring.	"	W. B. Lay, M. Hoffman.
Brnington.	Gaston.	
1856.		
North Catawba.	Burke.	W. Bradshaw, D. Martin.
Smyrna.	"	T. Carlton, J. S. Parks, J. B. Marler.
Thessalonica.	"	William Rhoderich.
Providence.	Catawba.	D. C. Cocherham, P. Warlick, H. Loller.
Mt. Gilead.	Burke.	J. York and J. York.
Pleasant Hill.	"	G. Smith, J. Bumgarner.
Pisgah.	"	Jesses Tallent.
Zion.	"	J. Benfield, E. Whisnant, J. Whisnant.
Jerusalem.	Caldwell.	J. Sherrill.
Globe.	"	Job Moore, J. Prichard, Jesse Moore.
Rocky Spring.	"	Elijah Chambers.
Brnington.	Gaston.	R. B. Jones, C. Abernathy, G. W. Abernathy.
1857.		
North Catawba.	Burke.	W. Bradshaw, Jr., W. Bradshaw.
Smyrna.	"	T. Carlton, M. Spainhower, J. H. Spainhower.
Mt. Gilead.	"	J. York, J. Tallent.
Providence.	Catawba.	D. C. Cocherham, T. J. Hamilton, H. E. Lollar.
P. Hill.	Burke.	H. B. Hawkins.
Pisgah.	"	D. Wartman, M. Ross.
Zion.	"	J. Benfield, J. C. Carlton.
Globe.	Caldwell.	J. Moore, J. Prichard, W. Moore.
R. Spring.	"	Elijah Chambers.
Brnington.	Gaston.	C. Abernathy, G. Abernathy, G. Fite.
Mt. Rhuham.	Catawba.	J. Clark, A. Bumgarner, J. Drum.
1858.		
North Catawba.	Burke.	W. Bradshaw, E. Bradshaw, B. H. Martin.
Smyrna.	"	T. Carlton, M. Spainhower, J. H. Spainhower.
Mt. Gilead.	"	Wm. Johnson, Jackson York.
Providence.	Catawba.	D. C. Cocherham, P. Warlick, T. J. Hamilton.
Pleasant Hill.	Burke.	Henry Franklin, H. B. Hawkins.
Pisgah.	"	N. Priett, Nicholas Hodge.
Zion.	"	J. C. Carlton.

CHURCHES.

COUNTIES.

NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Globe.	Caldwell.	Joel Crisp, E Chambers.
R. Spring.	"	Job Moore, J Pritchard, Jesse Moore.
Bruington.	Gaston.	W B Lay, Miles Hoffman.
Mt. Ruhuama.	Catawba.	J Clark.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	Pinkney Howard.
Bethlehem.	Burke.	N Harrison, R Harrison.
1859.		
North Catawba.	Burke.	W Bradshaw E Bradshaw.
Smyrna.	"	T Carlton, R Patton, J S Parks.
Mt. Gilead.	"	No Return.
Providence.	Catawba.	D C Cocherham.
Pleasant Hill.	Burke.	S E Potete, H Franklin, H B Hawkins.
Pisgah.	"	D Wortman.
Zion.	"	J Brumfield, J C Carlton, W Whisenant.
Globe.	Caldwell.	Job Moore.
R. Spring.	"	E Chambers, J. Crisp, D. Coffey.
Bruington.	Gaston.	W B Lay.
Mt. Ruhuama.	Catawba.	J Clark.
New Bethany.	Iredell.	T H Erwin, H B Erwin, N Ingram.
Bethlehem.	Caldwell.	J Harrison, N Harrison.
1862.		
North Catawba.	Burke.	No Return.
Smyrna.	"	M Spainhower, S Parks, J Thomson.
Mt. Gilead.	"	H Smith, James York and James York.
Providence.	Catawba.	G J Wilkie, J Wilson.
Pleasant Hill.	Burke.	S E Potete, J R Denton, M D Brittain.
Pisgah.	Cleaveland.	John Baumgarner, J M Roderich.
Zion.	Burke.	J Patton, T Carlton, J Benfield.
R. Spring.	Caldwell.	E Chambers, R H Moody. [son.
Bruington.	Gaston.	M Hoffman, W B Lay, C H Abernathy, J Wil-
		J Brumfield, J Clark.
Mt. Ruhuama.	Catawba.	P Warlick.
Union.	Burke.	
1863.		
North Catawba.	Burke.	No Return.
Smyrna.	"	M Spainhower.
Mt. Gilead.	"	No Return.
Providence.	Catawba.	D C Cocherham, G J Wilkie.
		J Wilson, F Danner.
R. Spring.	Caldwell.	R H Moody, Chambers.
Bruington.	Gaston.	A J Cansler, M Hoffman.
		J F Wilson, H Padget, P J Sellers J Crenshaw,
		John Stone, F A Hawkins.
Mt. Ruhuama.	Catawba.	J Brumfield, J Clark.
Union 1st.	Burke.	Phillip Warlick.
Union 2nd.	Gaston.	Elijah Smith.
Long Creek.	"	C C Withers, R Holland, A A Rhyne.
		Wm. Withers, J G Lewis.
		E H Withers.
1864.		
North Catawba.	Burke.	No Return.
Smyrna.	"	By Letter.
Mt. Gilead.	"	No Return.
Providence.	Catawba.	G. J. Wilkie, J. S. Bridgers.
Pisgah.	Burke.	No Return.
Pleasant Hill.	"	No Return.
Zion.	"	No Return.
R. Spring.	Caldwell.	R. H. Moody.
Bruington.	Gaston.	A J Cansler, G S Fite, D Rhyne.
		E H Abernathy, J Thornburg, F H Hawkins,
		J P Sellers, Jesse Lay.
Mt. Ruhuama.	Catawba.	J Clark, J Brumfield.
Union.	Burke.	E A Poe and P Warlick.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
Long Creek.	Gaston.	H Jenkins, J G Lewis, R Holland, W Withers, C C Withers, J C Smith. W C Withers.
Union 2nd. Salem.	Gaston. Lincoln.	C A Featherston, J W Smith. W B Abernathy, M Abernathy.
1865.		
North Catawba.	Burke.	D W Conway, D A Griffon.
Smyrna.	"	R A Spainhower.
Mt. Gilead.	"	N L Chapman, M Wright.
Providence.	Catawba.	G J Wilkie, D C Cochran. H E Lollar, T Bridges.
Pisgah.	Burke.	Lewis Downs, W R Chapman.
Pleasant Hill.	"	M D Brittain, J R Denton.
Zion.	"	Robt. Patton, Logan Patton.
R. Spring.	Caldwell.	R H Moody, J D Moore, W Carrell.
Bruington.	Gaston.	A J Causler, M Hoffman and Joseph Creasman.
Mt. Rhuama.	Catawba.	A Bumgarner, Wm Caldwell.
Union 1st.	Burke.	E A Poe, P Warlick, A S Cloud.
Long Creek.	Gaston.	J Brumfield, J G Lewis and E H Withers.
Union 2nd.	"	W G Warren.
St. John.	Burke.	A Hilderbrand, J Hudson.
Salem.	Lincoln.	B Stroup, M Abernathy and W Moore.
1866.		
North Catawba.	Burke.	J H Corpening, A E Berry and D A Griffon.
Smyrna.	"	W P Hemphill.
Mt. Gilead.	"	W Chapman, B Hull, P Leyll and J York.
Providence.	Catawba.	G J Wilkie and J S Bridgers.
Pisgah.	Burke.	N Pruett and J W Hallender.
Pleasant Hill.	"	S E Potet and J Mull.
Zion.	"	W A Benfield and L Whisnant.
R. Spring.	Caldwell.	R H Moody and I B Coffey.
Bruington.	Gaston.	A J Causler, G C Rhyne. G S Fite, J F Wilson. M Hoffman, W B Lay. A Cathey and R W Spurrier. J Clark, G Caldwell, J W Kirksey.
Mt. Rhuama.	Burke.	E A Poe and P Warlick.
Union 1st.	Gaston.	J Brumfield and J G Lewis.
Long Creek.	"	Elijah Smith.
Union 2nd.	Burke.	A Hilderbrand, A Stauney, P Burns, J M Hil-
St. John.		B Stroup, J Black, M Abernathy.
Salem.	Lincoln.	H E Caldwell.
Lebanon.	Burke.	J Bumgarner, J A Propes and J Cook.
Union 3rd.		

BAPTISMS.

CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	Total.	CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	Total	
1827.						
Head Yadkin.	0	39	Mt. Creek.	0	95	
Ebenezer.	0	45	Big Spring.	0	20	
Bills Creek.	0	56	Bethel.	6	27	
New Bethany.	0	19	Globe.	0	42	
L. Creek.	0	42	Mt. Rhuama.	11	45	
Head B. R.	0	66	Antioch.	1	25	
Union.	0	60	North Catawba.	0	31	
Kings Creek.	0	103	Smyrna.	2	30	
Mt. Creek.	0	54	Sharon.	0	21	
Big Spring.	0	26	Thessalonica.	0	10	
Globe.	1	30	1831.			
Bethel.	0	13	Head Yadkin.	5	44	
Mt. Rhuama.	0	00	Ebenezer.	2	58	
Silver Creek.	0	19	Bills Creek.	9	81	
1828.						
Head Yadkin.	1	34	New Bethany.	0	13	
Ebenezer.	5	49	Lower Creek.	0	41	
Bills Creek.	13	70	Silver Creek.	0	10	
New Bethany.	0	19	Head 1st. B. R.	0	62	
Lower Creek.	2	43	Union.	0	20	
Silver Creek.	0	17	Kings Creek.	5	92	
Head 1st. B.	1	74	Mt'n Creek.	2	95	
Union.	0	26	Big Spring.	0	10	
Kings Creek.	0	95	Globe.	3	43	
Mt. Creek.	11	67	Bethel.	8	43	
Big Spring.	0	20	Mt. Rhuama.	13	56	
Globe.	5	36	Antioch.	0	25	
Bethel.	6	15	North Catawba.	0	31	
Mt. Rhuama.	11	68	Smyrna.	4	32	
1829.						
Head Yadkin.	2	45	Sharon.	22	50	
Ebenezer.	5	58	Thessalonica.	2	11	
Bills Creek.	11	73	1832.			
New Bethany.	0	16	Head Yadkin.	1	31	
Lower Creek.	2	47	Ebenezer.	9	67	
Silver Creek.	5	20	Bills' Creek.	3	54	
Head 1st. Broad.	0	67	New Bethany.	0	12	
Union.	0	21	Lower Creek.	2	41	
Kings Creek.	0	92	Silver Creek.	0	9	
Mt. Creek.	4	70	Head 1st. B. R.	0	59	
Big Spring.	0	20	Union.	2	19	
Globe.	5	42	Kings Creek.	47	144	
Bethel.	3	18	Mt'n. Creek.	4	95	
Mt. Rhuama.	5	67	Big Spring.	0	11	
Antioch.	0	31	Globe.	0	42	
North Catawba.	5	31	Bethel.	5	41	
Smyrna.	0	29	Mt. Rhuama.	5	31	
1830.						
Head Yadkin.	0	45	Antioch.	0	21	
Ebenezer.	5	57	North Catawba.	0	30	
Bills Creek.	0	75	Smyrna.	1	36	
New Bethany.	2	17	Sharon.	5	31	
Lower Creek.	0	46	Thessalonica.	0	12	
Silver Creek.	0	20	Rocky River.	0	26	
Head 1st. B. R.	1	60	Bethlehem.	0	26	
Union.	6	20	Gunpowder Creek.	0	15	
Kings Creek.	6	94	1833.			
			Head Yadkin.	6	35	
			Ebenezer.	8	77	
			Bills Creek.	3	64	

CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	Total.
New Bethacy.	0	12
Lower Creek.	6	46
Silver Creek.	0	10
Head 1st. B. R.	1	38
Union.	0	16
Kings Creek.	42	167
Mountain Creek.	16	111
Big Spring.	0	11
Globe.	20	61
Bethel.	3	45
Mt. Rhuhamah.	0	32
Antioch.	0	17
North Catawba.	3	30
Smyrna.	0	31
Sharon.	8	29
Thessalonica.	3	16
Rocky River.	1	27
Bethlehem.	3	82
Gun Powder.	0	15
Olivet.	0	17
Dover.	0	34

1834.

Head Yadkin.	0	00
Ebenezer.	3	76
Bills Creek.	4	70
New Bethany.	2	14
Lower Creek.	2	41
Silver Creek.	1	9
Head 1st. B. R.	7	41
Union.	3	17
Kings Creek.	7	150
Mountain Creek.	7	78
Big Spring.	1	12
Globe.	9	59
Bethel.	8	53
Mt. Rhuhamah.	0	15
Antioch.	0	18
North Catawba.	0	00
Smyrna.	1	23
Sharon.	0	34
Thessalonica.	0	19
Rocky River.	0	26
Bethlehem.	3	23
Gun Powder.	0	15
Olivet.	12	13
Dover.	0	27
Union.	0	30

1835.

Head Yadkin.	3	34
Ebenezer.	2	74
Bills' Creek.	8	73
New Bethany.	9	14
Lower Creek.	0	30
Silver Creek.	0	10
Hh. 1st. B. River.	1	34
Union.	3	19
Kings' Creek.	5	135
M't'n. Creek.	11	87
Big Spring.	0	12
Globe.	3	52
Bethel.	3	54
Mt. Rhuhamah.	4	14
Antioch.	3	27
No. Catawba.	1	43

CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	Total.
Smyrna.	1	27
Sharon.	2	22
Thessalonica.	0	19
Rock River.	0	26
Bethlehem.	2	21
Gun Powder.	4	21
Olivet.	1	18
Dover.	8	51
Union.	0	20
Mr. Gilead.	0	32
Macedonia.	0	25

1836.

Ebenezer.	2	74
Bills Creek.	6	77
New Bethany.	0	14
Silver Creek.	0	10
Head 1st. B. R.	-	34
Union.	3	24
Mountain Creek.	1	84
Big Spring.	-	12
Globe.	0	47
Bethel.	1	54
Mt. Rhuhamah.	4	19
Antioch.	38	61
North Catawba.	0	44
Smyrna.	1	28
Sharon.	-	22
Thessalonica.	3	20
Rocky River.	-	26
Bethlehem.	3	22
Sardis.	1	22
Olivet.	2	15
Dover.	-	51
Union.	0	20
Mt. Gilead.	2	34
Macedonia.	1	32

1837.

Ebenezer.	0	65
Bills Creek.	1	64
New Bethany.	1	15
Silver Creek.	0	8
Head 1st. B. R.	1	30
Mountain Creek.	4	92
Big Spring.	6	18
Globe.	0	41
Bethel.	2	50
North Catawba.	0	42
Smyrna.	7	27
Sharon.	0	22
Thessalonica.	5	27
Rocky River.	0	26
Bethlehem.	1	25
Sardis.	1	23
Olivet.	8	32
Dover.	1	48
Union.	0	20
Mt. Gilead.	2	35
Macedonia.	0	47

1838.

Ebenezer.	2	74
Bills Creek.	3	65
New Bethany.	0	10
Silver Creek.	6	36
Head 1st. B. R.	1	16

CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	Total.
Mountain Creek.	3	81
Big Spring.	1	17
Globe.	0	40
Bethel.	1	52
North Catawba.	0	41
Smyrna.	5	34
Sharon.	0	22
Thessalonica.	0	29
Rocky River.	0	29
Bethlehem.	0	23
Sardis.	0	25
Olivet.	0	22
Union.	2	22
Mt. Gilead.	5	40
Macedonia.	12	63
1839.		
Ebenezer.	3	57
Bills Creek.	21	76
New Bethany.	0	16
Silver Creek.	2	19
Head 1st. B. R.	0	39
Mountain Creek.	13	84
Big Spring.	0	18
Bethel.	4	57
Mt. Rhuhama.	4	20
North Catawba.	0	40
Smyrna.	1	33
Sharon.	5	18
Thessalonica.	3	32
Rocky River.	1	30
Sardis.	0	25
Olivet.	0	22
Union.	0	19
Mt. Gilead.	28	63
Macedonia.	7	41
Montford Cove.	0	20
Globe.	0	40
1840.		
Ebenezer.	0	57
Bills Creek.	12	80
New Bethany.	1	16
Silver Creek.	0	22
Head 1st. B. R.	4	32
Mountain Creek.	3	73
Big Spring.	0	14
Bethel.	1	56
Mt. Rhuhama.	1	24
North Catawba.	0	00
Smyrna.	0	29
Sharon.	1	41
Thessalonica.	0	25
Rocky River.	1	27
Sardis.	3	21
Olivet.	2	24
Union.	0	19
Mt. Gilead.	0	00
Macedonia.	0	33
Montsford Cove.	7	23
Globe.	0	00
Round Hill.	1	28
Mt. Vernon.	1	14
Pisgah.	0	13
1841.		
Ebenezer.	6	63
Bills Creek.	11	91

CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	Total.
New Bethany.	00	16
Silver Creek.	00	22
Head 1st. B. River.	2	34
M't'n. Creek.	3	76
Big Spring.	00	14
Bethel.	3	59
Mt. Rhuhama.	1	25
North Catawba.	2	42
Smyrna.	00	29
Sharon.	4	41
Thessalonica.	1	26
Rocky River.	0	27
Sardis.	1	22
Olivet.	0	24
Union.	2	21
Mt. Gilead.	00	21
Macedona.	1	34
Mountfords Cove.	1	24
Globe.	00	50
Round Hill.	2	30
Mount Vernon.	00	14
Pisgah.	3	13
1843.		
New Bethany.	00	11
Silver Creek.	8	31
Mt. Rhuhama.	0	23
North Catawba.	0	30
Smyrna.	8	36
Sharon.	0	21
Thessalonica.	2	25
Rocky River.	0	28
Olivet.	0	31
Union.	0	29
Mt. Gilead.	1	21
Macedonia.	1	19
Globe.	0	00
Mt. Vernon.	0	00
Philadelphia.	0	00
1844.		
New Bethany.	3	12
Silver Creek.	0	29
Mt. Rhuhama.	1	22
North Catawba.	5	30
Smyrna.	0	40
Sharon.	0	0
Thessalonica.	0	15
Rocky River.	5	0
Olivet.	2	30
Union.	0	29
Mt. Gilead.	0	0
Macedonia.	0	19
Globe.	2	30
Mt. Vernon.	0	17
Philadelphia.	0	17
St. John.	0	25
1846.		
New Bethany.	0	11
Silver Creek.	0	34
Mt. Rhuhama.	0	16
North Catawba.	2	30
Smyrna.	0	37
Sharon.	0	00
Thessalonica.	0	00
Rocky River.	0	00
Olivet.	1	34

CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	Total.
Union.	1	34
Mt. Gilead.	0	02
Macedonia.	11	33
Globe.	17	50
Mt. Vernon.	0	17
Philadelphia.	0	13
St. John.	2	25
1847.		
New Bethany.	0	9
Silver Creek.	0	34
Mt. Rhuhama.	0	15
North Catawba.	0	33
Smyrna.	0	36
Sharon.	0	00
Thessalonica.	0	14
Rocky River.	0	00
Olivet.	0	30
Union.	0	26
Mt. Gilead.	0	00
Macedonia.	0	20
Globe.	0	47
Mt. Vernon.	0	00
Philadelphia.	0	0
St. John.	0	0
1848.		
New Bethany.	2	11
Silver Creek.	0	29
Mt. Rhuhama.	0	14
North Catawba.	0	27
Union.	0	24
Globe.	3	46
Mt. Vernon.	0	15
St. John.	1	23
Rock Spring.	0	27
Philadelphia.	4	17
Smyrna.	0	30
Sharon.	0	00
Thessalonica.	0	00
Rocky River.	0	00
1849.		
New Bethany.	5	14
Silver Creek.	0	29
North Catawba.	0	27
Union.	0	29
Globe.	1	42
St. John.	3	25
Rocky Spring.	0	30
Philadelphia.	0	17
Smyrna.	0	27
Thessalonica.	0	12
Olivet.	2	22
Macedonia.	2	24
Mt. Vernon.	0	16
Mt. Rhuhama.	1	17
Rocky River.	0	00
1850.		
New Bethany.	61	72
North Catawba.	00	27
Globe.	1	45
Rocky Spring.	0	24
Philadelphia.	0	18
Smyrna.	1	26
Silver Creek.	0	27
Mt. Rhuhama.	0	00

CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	TOTAL.
Sharon.	0	00
Thessalonica.	0	00
Olivet.	0	00
Union.	0	00
Mt. Gilead.	0	00
Mt. Vernon.	0	00
1851.		
New Bethany.	1	74
North Catawba.	45	73
Globe.	1	46
Rocky Spring.	3	24
Philadelphia.	1	20
Smyrna.	1	27
Silver Creek.	2	27
Mt. Rhuhama.	8	28
Thessalonica.	0	11
Olivet.	0	30
Union.	11	32
Mt. Vernon.	5	35
St. John.	3	21
Macedonia.	0	00
1852.		
New Bethany.	1	72
North Catawba.	5	71
Globe.	0	47
Rocky Spring.	00	22
Philadelphia.	00	18
Smyrna.	9	36
Silver Creek.	1	27
Mt. Rhuhama.	1	37
Thessalonica.	9	00
Olivet.	0	30
Union.	12	49
St. John.	15	49
Providence.	24	52
1853.		
New Bethany.	0	66
North Catawba.	4	73
Globe.	0	39
Rocky Spring.	0	20
Philadelphia.	0	20
Smyrna.	13	46
Silver Creek.	4	28
Mt. Rhuhama.	0	37
Thessalonica.	10	48
Olivet.	4	53
Union.	6	47
St. John.	0	30
Mt. Gilead.	10	20
Providence.	0	00
Pleasant Hill.	0	00
Pisgah.	0	00
1854.		
New Bethany.	0	64
North Catawba.	23	86
Smyrna.	1	30
Silver Creek.	0	
Mt. Rhuhama.	0	29
Thessalonica.		
Olivet.	4	56
St. John.	0	45
Mt. Gilead.	1	30
Providence.	5	26
Pleasant Hill.	2	18

CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	Total.	CHURCHES	B'p'd.	Total.
Pisgah.	2	28	R. Spring.	1	11
Zion.	0	15	Bruington.	6	18
Jerusalem.	0	9	Mt. Rhuhamah.	5	42
1855.			New Bethany.	38	82
North Catawba.	1	77	Bethlehem.	1	19
Smyrna.	0	31	Union.	1	20
Thessalonica.	0	00	Zion.	0	16
Mt. Gilead.	0	21	1862.		
Providence.	2	34	North Catawba.	0	0
Pleasant Hill.	3	28	Smyrna.	0	33
Pisgah.	0	26	Mt. Gilead.	2	23
Zion.	3	15	Providence.	0	49
Jerusalem.	0	7	Pleasant Hill.	13	49
Globe.	4	22	Pisgah.	0	35
Rocky Spring.	0	12	Zion.	0	22
Bruington.	15	79	R. Spring.	0	20
1856.			Bruington.	95	184
North Catawba.	1	77	Mt. Rhuhamah.	7	40
Smyrna.	0	31	Union.		
Thessalonica.	0	00	1863.		
Providence.	0	21	North Catawba.	0	75
Mt. Gilead.	2	31	Smyrna.	0	30
Pleasant Hill.	3	28	Mt. Gilead.	0	23
Pisgah.	0	26	Providence.	6	32
Zion.	3	15	Pisgah.	0	33
Jerusalem.	0	7	Pleasant Hill.	2	40
Globe.	4	22	Zion.	14	33
Rocky Spring.	0	12	R. Spring.	1	21
Bruington.	15	79	Bruington.	181	376
1857.			Mt. Rhuhamah.	13	60
North Catawba.	4	81	Union Ist.	3	20
Smyrna.	0	27	Long Creek.	110	243
Mt. Gilead.	4	23	Union 2nd.	45	62
Providence.	2	34	1864.		
P. Hill.	4	34	North Catawba.	0	75
Pisgah.	0	24	Smyrna.	20	51
Zion.	0	16	Mt. Gilead.	18	41
Globe.	3	25	Providence.	14	60
R. Spring.	1	14	Pisgah.	0	42
Bruington.	0	76	Pleasant Hill.	12	42
Mt. Rhuhamah.	0	30	Zion.	8	30
1858.			R. Spring.	24	56
North Catawba.	2	72	Bruington.	77	460
Smyrna.	2	27	Mt. Rhuhamah.	37	100
Mt. Gilead.	0	26	Union Ist.	0	20
Providence.		36	Long Creek.	36	305
Pleasant Hill.		34	Union 2nd.	20	82
Pisgah.		23	Salem.	27	113
Zion.		16	St. John.		
Globe.		26	1865.		
R. Spring.		14	North Catawba.	23	78
Bruington.		74	Smyrna.	1	52
Mt. Rhuhamah.		35	Mt. Gilead.	28	51
New Bethany.		33	Providence.	24	85
Bethlehem.		19	Pisgah.	2	56
Union.	0	0	Pleasant Hill.	3	52
1859.			Zion.	7	41
North Catawba.	1	67	Rocky Spring.	26	91
Smyrna.	0	28	Bruington.	40	451
Mt. Gilead.			Mt. Rhuhamah.	2	95
Providence.	5	45	Union Ist.	1	23
Pleasant Hill.	4	36	Long Creek.	10	312
Pisgah.	1	23	Union 2nd.	1	104
Globe.	0	25	St. John's.	26	80

CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	Total.
Salem.	28	127
1866.		
North Catawba.	25	98
Smyrna.	18	68
Mt. Gilead.	28	81
Providence.	18	108
Pisgah.	1	49
Pearson Hill.	62	115
Zion.	0	47
Rocky Spring.	4	95

CHURCHES.	B'p'd.	Total.
Bruington.	51	504
Mt. Rhuhamah.	19	108
Union 1st.	4	28
Long Creek.	55	370
Union 2nd.	15	119
St. John's.	83	156
Salem.	12	139
Lebanon.	2	53
Union 3rd.	0	28

MINUTES

Of the thirty-eighth Anniversary of the Catawba River Baptist Association, held with the Church, at Union second, Gaston County, N. C., October 11, 12, 13, 1867.

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached according to appointment, by R. H. Moody, from first cor. 15 and 59.
2. After a recess of 40 minutes, the delegates assembled in the House, and Elder G. J. Wilkie, was requested to take the chair until the Association was organized. Prayer by Elder W. Hill.
3. Read letters from the Churches, and minuted accounts transacted.
4. The Association was organized by the election of Elders E. A. Poe, Moderator ; and R. H. Moody, Sec.
5. Called for newly constituted Churches and received one by the name of Tuckaseege, and one by the name of New Prospect.
6. Appointed a Committee of Arrangements consisting of W. B. Lay, P. Warlick, J. Bumfield, with the Moderator and Clerk.
7. Called for Correspondence from Sister Associations ; and received Elder R. P. Logan, from Kings' Mountain ; from the United Baptist Association a letter, but no messenger ; from Green River, neither letter nor messenger.
8. Invited visiting Ministers, not delegates nor messengers, to seats with us. Elders W. Hill and T. K. Gaines, from Broad River, accepted the invitation.
9. Appointed C. C. Withers, W. G. Warren, H. W. Bridges, a Committee of Finance.
10. Appointed E. Chambers, M. Hoffman, B. Stroup, with the Pastor and delegates of this Church, a committee on Religious Exercises of the meeting, except Sabbath.
11. On motion, adjourned till Saturday, 9 o'clock. Prayer, by Elder R. P. Logan.
12. Saturday, met according to adjournment. Prayer, by Elder T. R. Gaines.
13. Called delegates names.
14. Read and adopted the Minutes of Friday.
15. The Committee of Arrangements reported and was discharged.
16. Read Rules of Order.
17. Appointed a Committee, whose reports will be found in their respective places in the minutes.
18. Appointed corresponding messengers ; to the United Baptist Association, E. Chambers, J. M. Hilderbrand, G. C. Rhyne, P. Warlick, E. A. Poe, and R. H. Moody ; to the Green River, R. H. Moody, J. W. Hullander ; to Kings's Mountain, W. B. Lay, G. C. Rhyne, E. A.

Poe, J. W. Hullander, J. M. Hilderbrand.

19. Agreed to hold the next session our Association with the Smyrna Church, Burke county, N. C., 12 miles north of Morganton, to commence on Friday before the second Sabbath in October, 1868.

20. Elder, E. A. Poe, to Preach the Introductory Sermon—to commence, at 11 o'clock, Friday. G. J. Wilkie, alternate.

21. Called for, and received the Historical Sketch prepared by Elder Poe, and appointed R. H. Moody, P. Warlick and M. Spainhower, a Committee to examine and have it printed with these Minutes.

22. Appointed Elder G. J. Wilkie to write a Circular Letter next year on Church Discipline.

23. Committee reported. Reports adopted, ordered to be printed and Committee discharged. Please read their reports and practice them.

24. Elected Elders T. R. Gaines, W. Hill and E. A. Poe, to preach on Sabbath, and agreed that the 11 o'clock sermon should be on the subject of missions and a collection taken for Foreign Missions.

25. The Treasurer of the Book Society reported \$3.75 worth of Books sold; \$16.85 cts. worth of books on hand.

26. On motion, authorized the Treasurer to give off all the six-and-a-quarter cent tracts to any person desiring them.

27. On motion agreed to allow the Treasurer to sell the rest of the Books at marked prices in currency.

28th. On motion, ordered the Clerk to superintend the printing of the Minutes, reserving five dollars for his services, and get as many Minutes printed as possible with the rest of the money and distribute them as usual.

29th. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this body are due, and hereby tendered to the Brethren and Sisters and friends, of this vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality during our meeting.

30. Adjourned to the time and place appointed. Prayer, by the Moderator.

E. A. POE, *Moderator*.

R. H. MOODY, *Sec.*

OBITUARY.

Died at his own residence in Burke County, August, 5th, 1867, after an illness of several weeks, Elder Thomas Carleton, aged eighty years and eighteen days, leaving a wife, not far from the same age, and three daughters to lament his death. Both his sons, who remained in N. C., having fallen in the late struggle for Southern independence. Elder Carleton, was a minister of some ability. He was much neglected, with regard to liberality at the hands of his brethren, but still his unyielded energy, and never failing industry, with the blessing of Heaven, procured to him a good living. He never failed to declare the blessed Bible doctrine, "Salvation by grace." His happy turn of mind, and pleasant conversation, gave him a kind reception around all our firesides. But now he is gone. The Lord has invited him up higher. His toiling and preaching are over. And we have reason to hope, that prayers and supplications with him, are turned into songs of praise, while "Everlasting joy is, and will forever be, upon his head." Brother Carleton joined the Smyrna church, April 1822. In 1825, he was liberated to exhort. In 1828 he was licensed to preach. In December, 1829 he was ordained to the full office of the Gospel Ministry; by a Presbytery consisting of Elders Reuben Coffey, Alfred Webb and Adam Corn. Nearly forty years contending for the truth, fighting

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against error, and at last died trusting alone in the merit of Jesus for his Salvation. The Lord bless his remaining, surviving family.

R. H. MOODY.

SABBATH REPORT.

Your Committee on the Sabbath Schools take pleasure in the fact that several of our Churches report flourishing Sabbath Schools; but they fear, that the Ministers and Churches of this Association are sufficiently awake to the importance of this great work. The religious training of the children in our midst, is certainly a duty of great importance to Baptist. If our doctrine is more scriptural than those of any other denomination, it brings us under greater obligations to teach them to others, especially the young. There is no duty more natural and scriptural than that of training up our children in the way in which they should go. It is with the blessing of God best calculated to fill our Churches with good members, who will be lively stones in the House of God. It is the best mode of securing to the country good citizens, who shall be an honor to our race. The Sabbath School work finishes the needful employment to the members of our Churches, brings out the gifts of the Spirit, in teaching, prayer, exhortation and various other duties. The Sabbath School calls the Church together every Sabbath, and is thus fast bringing our Churches back to the practices of the Apostolic Churches—for they certainly meet every Sabbath for worship and instruction. We certainly ought to follow their example in all things. We recommend that a Missionary be appointed to labor in the bounds of this Association—and make it an important part of his work to organize and foster Sabbath Schools—and that Churches send up to each meeting of this body, Reports of the Sabbath School work and full statistics of each School. Respectfully submitted,

T. R. GAINES, *Chairman.*

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance would say, we believe, God has commanded his people to "be temperate in all things." Therefore, christians should abstain from all appearance of evil, using intoxicating liquors is evil, therefore, let it alone, as a beverage. By the use of spirituous liquors whole families are ruined in respect of earthly happiness and enjoyment.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. BUMFIELD, *Chairman.*

HOME MISSIONS.

We are still of the opinion that we as christians ought not to neglect to pray for more laborers to be sent into the vineyard, and endeavor to cultivate the entire destitution in our lands, and contribute of our means liberally for the accomplishments of this grand object.

W. B. LAY, *Chairman.*

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This is the cause of Christ, we confess it has been too much neglected by all christians and we earnestly desire that our Churches do more for the poor blinded heathens, in trying to send the Gospel to them in

its parties, not only by our prayers, but also by our contributions, for although, "the harvest is great, the laborers' are few."

JAMES BUMFIELD.

Resolved, That we recommend the S. B. Theological Seminary at Greenville, S. C., to our Churches and young Ministers, as a school, where much needed information, which will better prepare young Ministers for greater usefulness in the great work of preaching the Gospel.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, Edited by Elder W. T. Walters, of Raleigh, N. C., as a paper eminently worthy of support. As it is the organ of the Baptist Churches in this State, we think, it should be upheld by our Churches—and ought to be read by every Baptist in the State. We recommend, also, the *Religious Herald*, Edited by Elders Dickenson and Jeter, Richmond, Va., and the *Baptist*, Edited by J. R. Graves, of Memphis, Tennessee, as able exponent and defenders of Baptist principles. We recommend *Kind Words*, a Sunday School paper published by the Sabbath School Board of the S. B. Convention at Greenville, S. C., as a paper suited to our children and Sabbath Schools. The price of this paper is only 10 cts a year for twelve copies. Send \$1.00 to Elder C. C. Bitting, Greenville, S. C., and ten copies will be sent monthly.

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